

Community mental health center (CMHC) billing guidelines for modifiers and rendering providers

Summary of change: Effective November 1, 2014, the rendering provider's NPI must be submitted on CMHC claims. If the rendering provider is not currently required to obtain an NPI, the CMHC will be the rendering provider.

✦ **What this means to you:** Modifier 59 will no longer be allowed to bypass medically unlikely editing (MUE). Modifier 59 is not allowed on evaluation management (E&M) procedure codes (99201 – 99499). CMHCs will adhere to modifier 59 billing guidelines published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services.

Background of change

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) distributed the policy which is effective with dates of service on and after November 1, 2014.

National Council on Compensation Insurance/MUE editing

Modifier 25 may be appropriate for E&M procedure codes. On the day a procedure or service identified by a CPT code was performed, if the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E&M service above and beyond the other service provided, modifier 25 should be appended to the additional E&M CPT code. Documentation in the patient's medical record must support use of this modifier.

Duplicate services by the same or a different practitioner

Modifier 76 is used when a procedure is repeated by the same practitioner on the same day subsequent to the original service. The repeat service must be identical to the initial service provided and must be billed on the same claim as the original service. Modifier 76 must be appended to the repeat service.

Modifier 77 is used when a procedure is repeated by a different practitioner on the same day subsequent to the original service. The repeat service must be identical to the initial service provided. Modifier 77 must be appended to the repeat service.

Repeat procedures must be billed on separate detail lines when billed on the same claim. Modifiers 76 and 77 are not valid with E&M procedure codes (99201-99499).

What if I need assistance?

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