

## PROVIDER BULLETIN

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### REQUIRED MODIFIER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

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- **PERFORMING PROVIDER MODIFIER REQUIRED FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES**

For dates of service on or after March 1, 2017, claims for behavioral health services provided by a psychologist, social worker, or professional counselor must include the modifier corresponding to the performing provider type. This applies to all settings including federally qualified health centers (FQHC), and community mental health centers (CMHC). For services performed by a psychiatrist, no modifier is required. For services performed by a mental health clinical nurse specialist (MHCNS) or mental health nurse practitioner (MHNP), the modifier is required for the following codes (90791, 90792, 90832, 90834, 90846, 90847, 90853, 90870, 90885, 90839, 99406, and 99407) but not for other Evaluation/Management services. The table below shows the appropriate modifier for each provider type.

<b>Performing Provider Type</b>	<b>Modifier</b>
Psychologist /Provisionally Licensed Psychologist	AH
Licensed Clinical Social Worker / Licensed Master Social Worker	AJ
Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist / Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	SA
Licensed Professional Counselor / Provisionally Licensed Professional Counselor	UD

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

**Provider Communications Hotline**  
**573-751-2896**