

Using Correct License-Level Modifiers on Outpatient Therapy Services Claims

Magellan **organizational providers** billing for services provided by **clinical practitioners licensed at the independent practice level** (using the organization’s Taxpayer Identification Number) for professional (CPT) services included on the **Outpatient Therapy Services** reimbursement schedule must submit claims with the license-level modifier that represents the **treating provider’s license level**.

- We process claims using the organization’s record and the license-level modifier provided.
- We base reimbursement on the treating provider’s licensure.
- We reimburse professional (CPT) services rendered by clinical practitioners licensed at the independent practice level only.

What modifier should I use for my claims?

Degree/Licensure *	HIPAA Modifier	HIPAA Modifier Description
Psychiatrist	AF	Specialty physician
Physician	AG	Primary physician
Psychologist	AH	Clinical psychologist
Medical Psychologist	HP	Doctoral level
Social Workers and Master’s Level Counselors (LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCs)	HO	Master’s degree level
Clinical Nurse Specialist**	SA TD	Nurse practitioner RN
Licensed Addictions Counselors (LAC) ***	HF	Substance Abuse Program

*Reimbursement is based on the treating provider’s licensure and Magellan’s credentialing requirements for that discipline, and is not based on the provider’s academic credentials alone.

**Select code that best applies. Nurses may only provide services and bill for CPT codes that fall within scope of practice allowed by their professional training and state licensure.

*** Licensed Addictions Counselors (LAC) can only bill and must use the HF modifier for CPT codes 90804, 90806, 90846, 90847, and 90853.

Where should I insert HIPAA modifiers on claims?

- On a CMS-1500 form, insert the modifier in Field 24d under “Modifier.”
- On a UB-04 form (HCFA 1450), insert the modifier with CPT or HCPCS code in field 44 (e.g., “90801 AH”).
- On electronic claims, for 837P, insert the modifier in SV101-3 (additional modifiers in SV101-4, SV101-5, and SV101-6). For 837I, insert the modifier in SV202-3 (additional modifiers in SV202-4, SV202-5, and SV202-6).