

**California Senate Bill 855—Health Coverage for Mental Health or Substance Use Disorders:
Use of Associates and/or Interns**

Using Correct License-level Modifiers on Your Claims

In accordance with California Senate Bill 855, Magellan Healthcare* will reimburse covered services provided by eligible associates/interns (using the organization’s Taxpayer Identification Number).

- We process claims using the organization’s record and the license-level modifier provided.
- We base reimbursement for services rendered by associates and interns on the supervising provider’s licensure.

Submit claims for associate and intern services with an **HL** modifier in the first position, along with the license-level modifier that represents the supervising provider’s license level in the second position (see chart below). If applicable, include telehealth modifiers GT or 95 in the third position.

Which modifier should I use for my claims?

Degree/Licensure	HIPAA Modifier**	HIPAA Modifier Description
Psychiatrist	AF	Specialty physician
Physician	AG	Primary physician
Psychiatrist/physician	AM	Physician, team member service
Psychologist	AH	Clinical psychologist
Psychologist	HP	Doctoral level
Social worker	AJ	Clinical social worker
Master’s level counselor	HO	Master's degree level
National Certified Addictions Counselor (NCAC) or state substance abuse counseling certification	HF	Substance abuse program (see note below)
Clinical nurse specialist	SA	Nurse practitioner
Clinical nurse specialist	TD	Registered nurse

****NOTE:** The HF modifier is to be used for National Certified Addictions Counselors (NCAC) or providers with state substance abuse counseling certification. Actual credentials for state substance abuse counseling certifications may vary depending upon state, e.g., CAC, CCDC, CCDAC, etc. The HF modifier would be loaded as a master’s level (ML) standard modifier.

Where should I insert HIPAA modifiers on claims?

- On a CMS-1500 form, insert the modifier in Field 24d under “Modifier.”
- 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).

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