



Using Correct License-level Modifiers on Your Claims

Magellan **organizational providers** and **individual providers submitting professional (CPT) claims as part of an organization** (using the organization’s Taxpayer Identification Number) 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. Regulatory or customer requirements may require an exception.

Which modifier should I use for my claims?

Degree/Licensure *	HIPAA ** Modifier	HIPAA Modifier Description
Psychiatrist	AF	Specialty physician
Physician	AG	Primary physician
Psychologist	AH HP	Clinical psychologist or doctoral level
Social Worker	AJ	Clinical social worker
Master’s Level Counselor	HO	Master’s degree level
Clinical Nurse Specialist***	SA TD	Nurse practitioner RN
NCAC (National Certified Addictions Counselor) or state substance abuse counseling certification****	HF	Substance Abuse Program
Bachelor’s degree level counselors	HN	Bachelor’s degree level
Less than bachelor’s degree level counselors	HM	Less than bachelor’s degree level

*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.

**Public Sector accounts may have unique HIPAA modifiers. Please reference state-specific information for Public Sector account coding guidelines.

*** 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.

**** Actual credentials may vary depending on state, e.g., CAC, CCDC, CCDAC.

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., “90791 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).