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**Subject:** GC Modifier

**Provision of Service Affected:** This Bulletin is specific to the following providers only –

- The Guidance Center
- Detroit Central City
- Northeast Guidance Center
- Development Center
- Hegira
- NSO/Life Choices

**Background:**

DWMHA is pleased to announce the addition of the available resource of psychiatry residents in their 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> years of training. The purpose of this memo is to provide guidance on modifier coding use with psychiatric resident-delivered services provided within the DWMHA provider network. Each of the psychiatric residents must be entered with all identifiable information into the Staff Credentialing Module located in MH-WIN. The information must include the National Provider Identification number (NPI) and License number (if applicable). The NPI and License number of the supervising psychiatrist must be included in the resident's credentialing module.

**GC modifier definition:** The GC modifier is utilized to indicate a service rendered by a resident under the direction of a teaching physician. Billing is always attributed to the attending physician, but with the GC modifier attached to indicate that the service was provided by the psychiatric resident.

Effective January 1, 1997, services furnished by teaching physicians involving a resident in the care of their patients must be identified as such on associated encounter claims. To be payable, claims for services furnished by teaching physicians involving a resident must comply with the requirements listed in sections 100.1 through 100.1.6 of the CMS guidance manual. Claims for services meeting these requirements must show the GC modifier as appropriate applied according to the description listed in the table.

Carrier	Eligible Services	Requirements	Note Requirements
<b>Medicare</b>	Furnished by a resident where a teaching physician was physically present during the critical or key portions of the service.	Attending Physician bills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The teaching physician needs to attest that he/she was present with the resident during the visit with the patient.</li> <li>b. The case was discussed with the resident, and the resident's chart note was reviewed.</li> <li>c. The teaching physician agrees with the findings and plan of treatment as noted by the resident, or if there are additions/changes, the teaching physician notes these as well as the above.</li> </ul>
		Residents complete documentation in EMR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. License number and NPI number must be included. (Limited or Full Licensure)</li> </ul>
		Attending only bills for the time he/she <b>actually spent watching the resident and/or with the patient.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If observation occurred, documentation as follows: <i>"I was present with the resident for critical portion of the session. We discussed the case and I reviewed the resident note. I agree with the findings and the plan of treatment."</i> (Or if teaching physician has additions/corrections, these are noted)</li> <li>b. License number and NPI number must be included.</li> </ul>
Carrier	Eligible Services	Requirements	Note Requirements
<b>Medicaid</b>	Furnished by a resident where a teaching physician was physically present in the building while the service was being provided by the resident.	Attending Physician bills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The teaching physician needs to attest that he/she was onsite during the resident's visit with the patient.</li> <li>b. The case was discussed with the resident, and the resident's chart note was reviewed.</li> <li>c. The teaching physician agrees with the findings and plan of treatment as noted by the resident, or if there are additions/changes, the teaching physician notes these as well.</li> </ul>
		Residents complete documentation in EMR.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. License number and NPI number must be included. (Limited or Full Licensure)</li> </ul>
		The attending can bill for the <b>critical portion of the service if he/she is in the building, so there is no direct observation requirement.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. If teaching physician did observe: <i>"I was present with the resident for the exam. We discussed the case and I reviewed the resident note. I agree with the findings and the plan of treatment."</i> (If there are additions/corrections, these are noted)</li> <li>b. If teaching physician did not observe <i>"I was not present with the resident for the visit..."</i> and the remainder of the note is the same.</li> <li>c. License number and NPI number must be included.</li> </ul>

**Approved codes:** 99201, 99202, 99203 – New Patient  
99211, 99212, 99213 – Established Patient  
90791, 90792, 90832, 90834, 90837 (+90833, 90836, 90838, 90785 – add on codes)  
90839, 90840 – Crisis Psychotherapy  
99201 – 99215 – Psychiatric evaluation and medication management  
M0064 – Brief assessment, medication monitoring or change  
96372, 99506 – Medication administration  
H2010 – Comprehensive medication services (Use only with Evidence-based Practice – Medication Algorithm)

### **Relevant Reference Items:**

- **Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance Manual Items:**  
<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c12.pdf>
  - a. 100.1
  - b. 100.1.3
  - c. 100.1.8
- **Medicaid Provider Manual Items:**  
<http://www.mdch.state.mi.us/dch-medicaid/manuals/medicaidprovidermanual.pdf>
  - a. Section 7-Modifiers
  - b. Section 8- Graduate Medical Education

### **Glossary**

#### **Critical or Key Portion**

The part or parts of a service that the teaching physician determines are a critical or key portion.

#### **Intern or Resident**

An individual who participates in an approved GME Program or a physician who is not in an approved GME Program but who is authorized to practice only in a hospital setting (e.g., has a temporary or restricted license or is an unlicensed graduate of a foreign medical school). Also included in this definition are interns, residents, and fellows in GME Programs recognized as approved for purposes of DGME and IME payments made by FIs or A/B MACs. Receiving a staff or faculty appointment, participating in a fellowship, or whether a hospital includes the physician in its full-time equivalency count of residents does not by itself alter the individual's status as a resident.

#### **Physically Present**

When the teaching physician is located in the same room as the patient (or a room that is subdivided with partitioned or curtained areas to accommodate multiple patients) and/or performs a face-to-face service.

#### **Teaching Physician**

A physician, other than an intern or resident, who involves residents in the care of his or her patients. Generally, for the service to be payable under the Medicare PFS, he or she must be present during all critical or key portions of the procedure and immediately available to furnish services during the entire service.