



Provider Update

This update contains pertinent information about changes that will impact the Johns Hopkins HealthCare provider network.

JHHC Reimbursement Policy Updates

John Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) would like to inform you of two updates to reimbursement policies that go into effect Sept. 1, 2019.

RPC.010-Therapy Modifiers: Revised/Renamed - In order to align with CMS, JHHC has updated the policy language and broken it into the following sections: Policy, Scope, Provider Billing Guidelines and Documentation. The Definitions section now includes descriptions of habilitative and rehabilitative services; an expanded definition of a therapist (per CMS, to include physicians and non-physician practitioners); a description of Therapy Services; as well as defining modifier 96 for habilitative services. Under the new billing guidelines section, the language specifies that all providers billing for therapy services must use the appropriate GP, GO, or GN modifier (therapy modifier) or the claim will be denied. For EHP only, claims for habilitative services must now also include the modifier 96. The Exclusions section was updated (to match CMS guidelines) and the References section was updated with links to corresponding CFR regulations, CMS Policy Manuals, the Annual Therapy Update site, and the Tricare and COMAR site links.

RPC.014-NCCI and MUE Edits: New – This policy was created as formal notification, stating JHHC follows CMS NCCI guidelines for PTP and MUE edits. This is not a new process, and does not reflect a change in the current processing of claims. Language found in the Scope, Definitions, and Reimbursement Guidelines sections conform to CMS policy, and may be found in the links provided in the References sections. Links to the CMS and Medicaid quarterly NCCI updates pages were also provided. Further, following CMS guidelines, it is noted that facility claims for inpatient services are excluded.

To view the JHHC Reimbursement Policies, please visit the [Reimbursement Policies](#) section of the JHHC website.

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