



Provider Update

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

JHHC Reimbursement Policy Updates

Below is a summary of recent reimbursement policy updates for Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC). For complete details, please go to [July 2020 Reimbursement Policy Updates](#). If you have questions, please contact Provider Relations at 888-895-4998.

Therapy Modifiers Policy

In accordance with the CMS billing guidelines update, as of Jan. 1, 2020, John Hopkins HealthCare LLC (JHHC) updated our claims systems to recognize, and accept billing of, the therapy assistant modifiers CQ and CO. These services may be furnished in part or in whole by physical therapy assistants (PTAs) or occupational therapy assistants (OTAs). The modifiers are defined as follows:

- CQ modifier: Outpatient physical therapy services furnished in whole or in part by a physical therapist assistant
- CO modifier: Outpatient occupational therapy services furnished in whole or in part by an occupational therapy assistant

Unlisted Codes

JHHC has released its policy on Unlisted Codes, for provider claims submitted on the CMS-1500 Claim Form or its electronic equivalent. This policy applies to all plans: Johns Hopkins Employer Health Programs (EHP), Priority Partners MCO, Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP), and Johns Hopkins Advantage MD.

This policy makes public JHHC's existing policy on the subject matter, and applied prior to the Effective Date of this policy statement.

New and Updated Policies

John Hopkins HealthCare LLC (JHHC) would like to inform you of an updated policy and several new policies, listed below, which will be effective August 1, 2020. These policies were created, or revised, to align with industry and regulatory guidelines.

- **Updated** **Bilateral and Split-Care Procedures: Modifier 50**
- **New** **Assistant-at-Surgery: Modifiers 80, 81, 82 or AS**
- **New** **Discontinued Procedures: Modifiers 73 and 74**
- **New** **Reduced Procedures: Modifier 52**
- **New** **Multiple Procedures: Modifier 51**
- **New** **Increased Procedures: Modifier 22**
- **New** **Staged, Related, & Unrelated Procedures: Modifiers 58, 78 and 79**

To view the JHHC Reimbursement Policies, please go to [JHHC.com > For Providers > Policies > Reimbursement Policies](#). If you have questions, please contact Provider Relations at 888-895-4998.

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns.