

New Modifier Requirements

Habilitative and rehabilitative benefits are considered Essential Health Benefits (EHBs) under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Habilitative services help a person learn, keep, or improve skills and functioning for daily living. While rehabilitative services are necessary after an illness or injury to help a person restore, keep, or improve skills and functioning for daily living.

Many times, the same CPT code can be used for both types of services. On January 1, 2018, new modifiers were introduced to help distinguish between these two benefits. Effective April 1, 2019 Ambetter from Arizona Complete Health (Ambetter) will require modifier '96' is to be used for any habilitative service or procedure that could be considered either habilitative or rehabilitative. Rehabilitative services should continue to use modifier 'GN' for speech therapy, 'GO' for occupational therapy, and/or 'GP' for physical therapy.

PLEASE NOTE

Although billing these modifiers will not become a mandatory requirement until April 1, 2019, Ambetter will accept and process claims billed with these modifiers immediately.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the information contained in this update or if additional education is needed please contact Provider Services at 1-866-796-0542 or your Provider Engagement Specialist. If you do not know who your Provider Engagement Specialist is please email: AzCHProviderEngagement@azcompletehealth.com.

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- Medical Groups/IPAs
- Hospitals
- Ancillary Providers
- Behavioral Health Physicians
- FQHC

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