



## **Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Modifier Coding Policy**

### **Therapy Modifier Overview**

All claims containing an Outpatient Rehabilitation HCPCS code should contain one of the therapy modifiers to distinguish the discipline of the plan of care under which the service is delivered.

Modifier GN - Speech Therapy

Modifier GO - Occupational Therapy

Modifier GP - Physical Therapy

Therapy modifiers indicating the related discipline/POC (Plan of Care) are GP, GO or GN for PT, OT, and SLP services, respectively. These are outpatient rehabilitation informational modifiers which are used to identify therapy services.

Per CMS, the GN, GO, or GP therapy modifiers are currently required to be appended to therapy services. Providers may report the modifiers on claims in any order. If there is insufficient room on a claim line for multiple modifiers, additional modifiers may be reported in the remarks field.

Per CMS; claims containing any of the “always therapy” codes must have one of the therapy modifiers appended (GN, GO, GP). Contractors shall return claims for “always therapy” codes when they do not contain appropriate therapy modifiers for the applicable HCPCS codes. In addition, when any code on the list of therapy codes is submitted with specialty codes “65” (physical therapist in private practice), “67” (occupational therapist in private practice), or “15” (speech-language pathologist in private practice) they always represent therapy services, because they are provided by therapists.

Contractors shall return claims for these services when they do not contain therapy modifiers for the applicable HCPCS codes.

- Denial of speech-language pathology services when billed without therapy service modifier GN.
- Denial of occupational therapy services when billed without therapy service modifier GO.
- Denial of physical therapy services when billed without therapy service modifier GP.

### **Sources**

<https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/TherapyServices/index.html>