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Attention: South Dakota Medicaid Providers

From: South Dakota Medicaid

RE: Therapy Assistant Billing Guidance

As a reminder, Medicaid covers therapy services provided by therapy assistants that are billed by the supervising therapist. Services provided by an assistant are reimbursed at 90 percent of the allowable therapist rate and are required to be billed by the supervising therapist using the following modifiers:

- CO - Services provided by an occupational therapy assistant
- CQ - Services provided by a physical therapy assistant
- HM - Services provided by a speech-language pathologist assistant

Home Health therapy services provided by a physical therapist assistant or occupational therapist assistant must be billed using the HCPCS codes G0157 and G0158 as listed on the [Home Health Fee Schedule](#). Home Health providers should not bill the CO and CQ modifiers with these codes.

Please refer to the [Therapy Services manual](#) for billing guidance and the South Dakota Medicaid [authorized modifier codes](#) list for modifier payment effects.

Sincerely,

South Dakota Medicaid