Modifiers for Behavioral Health Claims Post-July 1, 2018

Overview
For dates of service July 1, 2018, and after, ALL claims for behavioral health services must include the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the rendering practitioner. Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) staff have received a number of questions regarding the use of modifiers on claims for this same time period. This MITS BITS provides detailed guidance on that topic.

U Modifiers – Guidance
Except for dually-licensed practitioners, it is OPTIONAL to include the “U” modifiers on claims for dates of service July 1, 2018, and after. This is true regardless of whether the individuals are enrolled in managed care or in fee for service.

- The one exception to the OPTIONAL rule is for claims submitted to UnitedHealthcare (UHC). UHC will require the “U” modifiers on claims and the practitioner’s NPI.

U Modifiers – Website Resource
For more details, please see the “Medicaid Managed Care Plan Resource Guide” posted on our BH.Medicaid.Ohio.Gov website. Information specific to the use of “U” modifiers post-July 1, 2018 can be found in the worksheet tab labeled, “Billing Guide.” Below is a screen shot of item #35 (from the June 20th version) which gives specifics regarding ongoing use of modifiers for dates of service July 1, 2018, and forward:

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H Modifiers – Guidance
Provider agencies should continue using the “H” modifiers for services rendered by paraprofessionals in order to affirm the correct payment rate for the services. This is true regardless of whether the claims are for services to individuals enrolled in managed care or in fee for service.

Modifiers for Dually-Licensed Practitioners – Website Resource
See the “July 1 IT Specifications” spreadsheet posted on our BH.Medicaid.Ohio.Gov website. See row 9 on the “Sheet 1” tab; it is pasted below for quick reference:
Click [HERE](#) to view the 1-26-18 MITS Bits on multi-licensed practitioners.

If submitting a claim for a dually-licensed practitioner, the practitioner modifier (U modifier) for the second license must be on the claim. For example:

- RN is enrolled in Medicaid.
- RN also holds LSW license.
- Any claim for the LSW service must include the RN's NPI in the rendering field and the U4 modifier.