

Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinic modifier requirements

Summary of update: Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics (RHCs) are required to bill with the appropriate modifiers according to the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual (TMPPM)*. Effective July 1, 2021, Dell Children's Health Plan may deny or recover claims that are not billed with the required FQHC and RHC modifiers.

Where can I find the TMPPM?

Please reference the TMPPM online at <https://tmhp.com> > Resources > Provider Manuals > Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual.

FQHC modifier requirements:

- General medical services must be submitted using one of the appropriate modifiers: AH, AJ, AM, SA, TD, TE, TH, U1, U2, or U7.
- Family planning services and annual family planning examination must be submitted using the appropriate modifier: FP.
- Mental health services must be submitted using one of the appropriate modifiers: AJ, AH, AM, U1, or U2.
- Texas Health Steps (THSteps) medical services must be submitted using modifier EP in addition to one of the appropriate modifiers: AM, SA, or U7.

RHC modifier requirements:

- General medical services must be submitted using one of the appropriate modifiers: AH, AJ, AM, SA, TD, TE, TH, or U7.
- Family planning services performed in the RHC setting must be billed with the appropriate modifier: AM, SA, or U7.
- THSteps medical services must be submitted using one of the appropriate modifiers: AM, SA, or U7.

Modifiers to use for services performed:

Modifier	Service performed
AH	Services performed by a clinical psychologist
AJ	Services performed by a clinical social worker
AM	Services performed by a physician; team member services
EP	Use to indicate THSteps services (FQHC only)
FP	Use to indicate that the service was part of an annual family planning examination

Modifier	Service performed
SA	Services performed by an advanced practice registered nurse or certified nurse-midwife in collaboration with physician
TD	Services performed by a registered nurse
TE	Services performed by a licensed vocational nurse
TH	Use to indicate the encounter is for antepartum care or postpartum care
U1	Services performed by a licensed professional counselor
U2	Services performed by a licensed marriage and family therapist
U7	Services performed by a physician assistant other than assistant at surgery

Please reference the *TMPPM* for updates on required modifiers for FQHCs and RHCs. You can also reference the *TMPPM* for additional billing requirements.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **888-821-1108**.