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In an effort to achieve compliance with CMS Billing Requirements, Aetna Better Health of KY (ABHKY) is adopting therapy modifiers in accordance with published CMS billing requirements. Providers need to use the below modifiers on all therapy claims submitted for consideration for Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy or Physical Therapy.

These modifiers are required on every line item of a claim specific to the specialty of the therapist that rendered the service and the service being performed.

**Modifier CO:** Outpatient occupational therapy services furnished in whole or in part by an occupational therapy assistant

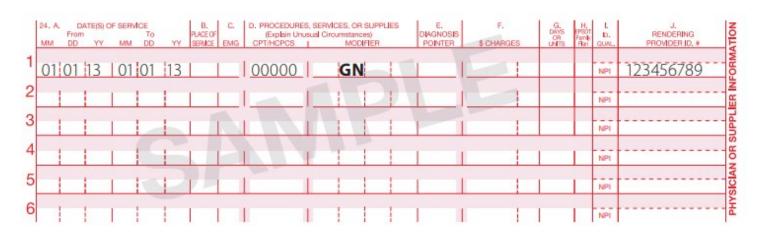
**Modifier CQ:** Outpatient physical therapy services furnished in whole or in part by a physical therapist assistant

Modifier GN: Services delivered under an outpatient speech language pathology plan of care

Modifier GO: Services delivered under an outpatient occupational therapy plan of care

Modifier GP: Services delivered under an outpatient physical therapy plan of care

ABHKY will require these modifiers starting on 5/1/2023. Effective for service dates on or after 05/01/2023, if a therapy claim is received without a modifier present on the line item being billed, claims will be denied, requiring providers to correct the claims (add the appropriate modifiers) and resubmit the claims. Please discuss this new Network requirement with your Office Administrators and/or Billers to avoid unnecessary denials after this date.



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