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TO: Iowa Medicaid Physician Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

RE: Use of "GP" and "GO" Modifiers for Employed Physical and Occupational Therapists

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The IME is updating its CMS reporting protocols for the different types of services paid by Iowa Medicaid. This is to comply with recent changes mandated by CMS in that regard. In particular, one of the required reporting lines is for PT and OT services. To the extent some physician offices employ these types of practitioners, any claims for such services are generally billed under the employing physician's provider number. As such, and without the claim line for the PT or OT service being accompanied by the appropriate modifier, these services cannot be properly reflected on our CMS reporting.

Beginning immediately, for any PT or OT service rendered by these practitioners who are employed by a physician, and where those services will be billed under the employing physician's provider number, the claim line for that service must reflect a **"GP" modifier (for PT services)** or a **"GO" modifier for OT services**, as appropriate for the service being rendered. With respect to the "GO" modifier, please be sure to designate this as G "letter O" and not G "number zero."

It is noted that use of these modifiers is "informational only" and does *not* affect payment. Services rendered by PTs and OTs employed by a physician are paid at 100 percent of the physician fee schedule for these services. Therefore, the purpose for these modifiers is only to provide a means by which the IME can accurately report the amount of and payments for these services on our CMS reports.

The IME appreciates your cooperation in using these modifiers beginning immediately, for all PT and OT services rendered by employed PTs and OTs. If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.