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TO: SBHS Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: USE OF MODIFIERS FOR SBHS

As many of you know, there are several procedure codes that are shared by multiple disciplines utilized for claiming services provided in the school setting. Shared codes on claims sent in for reimbursement for services provided to a child receiving multiple services are suspended as suspect duplicates. For these claims, OMAP staff are required to manually review each suspended claim for payment. Attaching a modifier to procedure codes will identify the disciplines providing service thus making it possible to differentiate each suspected duplicate claim for reimbursement. This will reduce the workload for OMAP staff and SBHS providers.

DHS is working, with OMAP and our information system team, to automate claim processing to recognize modifiers for SBHS. Beginning in the 2004-2005 school year modifiers will be required for all SBHS procedure codes with the exception of T1004 for delegated healthcare and S5125 attendant care. We will provide you with an updated communication regarding the new requirements prior to the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year.

In the meantime you are encouraged to begin using the below listed modifiers in order to expedite claims you are currently sending in for reimbursement.

GN Speech Lang Pathologist
GO Occupational Therapist

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GP Physical Therapist
AJ Clinical Social Worker
TD Registered Nurse
TE Licensed Practical Nurse
AH Psychologists
U7 Audiologist

If you have any questions or concerns please email me at Linda.J.Williams@state.or.us or call me at the below listed phone number.

Thank you

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