

Connecticut Department of Social Services Medical Assistance Program

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TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM), Physician Assistants (PA), Rehabilitation Clinics, Family Planning Clinics, Optometrists, Psychologists, Podiatrists, Independent Laboratories, Independent Therapists, Independent Radiology Providers, Medical Equipment, Devices and Supplies (MEDS) Providers, Ambulatory Surgery Centers, Naturopaths, Chiropractors, Outpatient Hospitals and Chronic Disease Hospitals

RE: Discontinuation of Modifier GD

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2020 and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) is discontinuing the use of modifier GD - units of service exceeds medically unlikely edit value and represents reasonable and necessary services. This provider bulletin (PB) supersedes PB 2017-69 - National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) – Medically Unlikely Edits Review Process.

The use of modifier GD is being discontinued based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) guidance. DSS will continue to have a Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) review process for dates of service on or after January 1, 2020 and will issue future guidance regarding the updated MUE review process.

<u>Please Note</u>: Claims submitted with modifier GD for dates of service prior to January 1, 2020 will follow the guidance in PB 2017-69.

