



Provider Alert

ALERT #33

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CANS UPDATE

The following information should be noted immediately to your chief executive officer, chief medical officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, program director, quality management director, compliance officer, billing director, and staff.

The purpose of this Provider Alert is to provide four clarifications regarding when use of the Massachusetts Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool is required as well as to address related billing processes.

Claims Submission for Outpatient Providers

Clarification #1: Claims submitted by individual practitioners in a group, facilities, and groups contracted for Outpatient Mental Health Services and providing services to Members under the age of 21 need to have two modifiers for the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool, as well as the 90791 service code. This serves as a reminder that the “HA” modifier should be billed in the MOD1 field, and the appropriate licensure level modifier should be billed in the MOD2 field. Claims from facilities and groups that do not use both modifiers in the appropriate places will deny for payment. See grid below for additional information.

Please note that only facilities and groups are required to bill the appropriate licensure level modifier; individual clinicians do not bill the licensure level modifier. Individual clinicians can bill this service with a 90791 service code with only the “HA” modifier in the MOD1 field.

Modifier 1 Options	Modifier 2 Options
HA	AH (PsyD, PhD, EdD)
	HO (LICSW, LCSW, LMHC, LMFT)
	SA (PNMHCS)
	UF (PNMHCS – Child/Adolescent)
	UG (MD/DO – Child/Adolescent)
	U3 (Psych Interns)
	U4 (MA Level Interns)
	U6 (MD/DO)

Services that Do Not Require the CANS

Clarification #2: MBHP **does not** require the completion of the CANS by providers of the following services for Members under the age of 21 who have MassHealth as a **secondary insurance**:

- Outpatient therapy (diagnostic evaluations, individual, family, group)

- Psychiatric inpatient hospitalization
- Community-based acute treatment (CBAT)
- Intensive community-based acute treatment (ICBAT)
- Transitional care units (TCU)

Clarification #3: For Members under the age of 21, claims submitted for CPT service code 90791 without the “HA” modifier will **deny** for payment. As stated above, the CANS is not an MBHP requirement for Members with MassHealth as a **secondary insurance**. Effective **January 1, 2015**, for Members with MassHealth secondary insurance, modifier “UL” should be billed with the 90791 service code to ensure proper payment. This modifier should be billed in the MOD1 field, and the appropriate licensure level modifier should be billed in the MOD2 field. See grid below for additional information.

Modifier 1	Modifier 2 Options
UL <u>(Only for Members with MassHealth Secondary)</u>	AH (PsyD, PhD, EDd)
	HO (LICSW, LCSW, LMHC, LMFT)
	SA (PNMHCS)
	UF (PNMHCS – Child/Adolescent)
	UG (MD/DO – Child/Adolescent)
	U3 (Psych Interns)
	U4 (MA Level Interns)
	U6 (MD/DO)

Clarification #4: The CANS is not required for the following services:

- Psychopharmacology evaluations (MD, DO, Nurse Practitioner)
- Psychological/neuropsychological testing (Neuropsychologist, Psychologist and Psychology Intern)

If a diagnostic evaluation is completed in the course of the above-referenced services and the 90791 is the appropriate billing code, the corresponding licensure should be billed in the MOD1 field. See grid below for details.

Modifier 1 Options	Modifier 2 Options
AH (PsyD, PhD, EdD)	None
SA (PNMHCS)	
UF (PNMHCS – Child/Adolescent)	
UG (MD/DO – Child/Adolescent)	
U3 (Psych Interns)	
U6 (MA Level Interns)	

For additional billing-related information, please consult the Benefit Service Grid. To access the Benefit Service Grid, visit the HNE Be Healthy website, which can be accessed at www.masspartnership.com.

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