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To: Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs)
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)
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Billing Provider sponsors for Certified Oregon School-Based Health Centers (SBHC)

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Subject: SBHCs and medical sponsors – Use the UB modifier to identify services provided by SBHCs

As the [SBHC State Program Office](#) (SPO) shared in their July 2015 letter to SBHCs, the Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) has assigned the UB modifier for [SBHC medical sponsors](#) to use when billing for services provided by SBHCs to Oregon Health Plan (OHP) clients on and after September 1, 2015.

This letter is to let you know how DMAP expects SBHCs and their medical sponsors to use this modifier when billing DMAP and CCOs for SBHC services.

Why is this happening?

In Oregon, SBHCs provide services to OHP clients under one of the following medical sponsors:

- An enrolled FQHC;
- An enrolled County Public Health Department;
- An enrolled Mental Health Department;
- An enrolled Billing Provider (*e.g.*, clinic) for an enrolled physician or nurse practitioner.

When these sponsors bill DMAP or a CCO, there has been no systematic way to distinguish SBHC services from non-SBHC services billed by the medical sponsor.

As health care transformation moves forward, it is essential that we identify all SBHC services delivered to OHP clients. Using the UB modifier to identify SBHC medical and behavioral health services will help us do that.

What should you do?

When billing for services provided to OHP clients on and after September 1, 2015, add the UB modifier to all medical and behavioral health procedure codes for services that occur at the SBHC, regardless of the type of procedure code (*e.g.*, office visit vs. lab). The UB modifier is informational only, and will not impact the payment or claim in any way.

We are still researching how to identify SBHC dental services, so there are no changes for SBHC dental claims at this time.

If your practice management system does not allow you to use the UB modifier in this way, please email the [SBHC State Program Office](mailto:sbhc.program@state.or.us) (SPO) at sbhc.program@state.or.us with the following information:

- A screen shot of your system's list of available modifiers, and
- The name of the system you use.

The SPO will provide you with recommended language to reach out to your system's vendor or software team for technical assistance.

What is a school-based health center?

School-Based Health Center, in general, means a health clinic that:

- Is located in or near a school facility of a school district or board or of an Indian tribe or tribal organization;
- Is organized through school, community, and health provider relationships;
- Is administered by a sponsoring facility;
- Provides through health professionals primary health services to children in accordance with State and local law, including laws relating to licensure and certification; and
- Satisfies such other requirements as a State may establish for the operation of such a clinic.

Questions?

If you have any questions about this announcement, contact the Provider Services Unit at dmap.providerservices@state.or.us or call 1-800-336-6016. We are available Monday through Friday, anytime between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (including lunch hours).

Thank you for your continued support of the Oregon Health Plan and the services you provide to our members.