

**Bulletin Number:** MSA 13-36

**Distribution:** School Based Services Providers and Billing Agents

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**Subject:** New Informational Modifier for School Based Services

**Effective:** October 1, 2013

**Programs Affected:** Medicaid School Based Services

The federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations, (34 CFR §300 *et seq.*), require Local Educational Agencies, including Intermediate School Districts, and Public School Academies, to determine whether or not a child/student is eligible for special education services. There are two processes that can be used to make this determination: 1) an initial full and individual evaluation, or 2) a reevaluation. This bulletin introduces a modifier to identify that a reevaluation was conducted.

Effective October 1, 2013, the **TL modifier** may be used with the procedure code when billing for a reevaluation. Each qualified staff bills using the appropriate procedure code. The TL modifier is informational only and may be used alone or in combination with other modifiers, but it is not required. The date of service is the date the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team completes its review of data.

Procedure codes used for assessments or evaluations are described in the Medicaid Provider Manual, School Based Services Chapter, Covered Services Section. The Medicaid Provider Manual can be accessed at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >> Policy and Forms >> Medicaid Provider Manual.

Procedure codes and modifiers are also maintained in the School Based Services provider database at [www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders](http://www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders) >> Billing and Reimbursement >> Provider Specific Information >> School Based Services.

Claims using the TL modifier that have been submitted to the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) prior to October 1, 2013, do not need to be adjusted.

#### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

## Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

## Approved

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