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IHCP announces changes to behavioral health modifiers, effective Jan. 1, 2025

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is making changes to the behavioral health modifiers that identify the qualifications of the practitioner rendering the service for fee-for-service (FFS) and managed care claims. Effective Jan. 1, 2025, the HE modifier will need to be submitted on claims for behavioral health services rendered by **any eligible practitioner** and billed under a supervising practitioner's National Provider Identifier (NPI). The modifier HE – *Services provided by any behavioral health practitioner (excluding physicians, HSPPs and physician assistants)* will replace the modifiers shown in Table 1.



This guidance has been encouraged in the past, but effective Jan. 1, 2025, it will become a requirement.

The modifier SA – *Nurse practitioner rendering service in collaboration with a physician* can still be used in conjunction with the HE modifier for services provided by an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) under another practitioner's NPI. Services provided by an APRN under their own NPI do not require a modifier.

Table 1 – Behavioral health modifiers replaced by modifier HE, effective Jan. 1, 2025

Modifier	Description
AH	Services provided by a clinical psychologist
AJ	Services provided by a clinical social worker
HF	Substance abuse program services

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