

Physical Therapy (PT), Occupational Therapy (OT), and Speech Therapy (ST) Modifiers

- **Summary of update:** Amerigroup Community Care follows CMS guidelines and CMS requires **CO (occupational assistant) and CQ (physical therapy assistant)** modifiers for assistants. Modifiers GN, GO, and GP refer only to services provided under plans of care for physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech-language pathology services. They should never be used with codes that are not on the list of applicable therapy services. The appropriate GN, GO, and GP modifier should be used on all claims furnished by a therapist

What this means to you: Effective January 1, 2022, modifiers CO (occupational therapy assistant) and CQ (physical therapy assistant) will be required for assistants and will **pay 85% of the physician (therapist) fee schedule.**

- CQ modifier: Outpatient physical therapy services furnished in whole or in part by a physical therapist assistant
- CO modifier: Outpatient occupational therapy services furnished in whole or in part by an occupational therapy assistant
- Should no modifier be submitted on a PT, OT, or ST claim, the claim will deny

What if I need other help?

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