



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

### **Use of UA Modifier**

**October 22, 2020**

Optum Maryland and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) wish to provide guidance on the use of the UA modifier to help providers avoid receiving denials. Below are some important points for providers to consider when billing using the UA modifier.

- The UA modifier is used to designate a service for a child or adolescent under the age of 18 (ages 0-17 years).
- The UA modifier may only be used when submitting claims for participants who are under the age of 18 (age 0-17 years).
- Claims inappropriately billed using a UA modifier for participants over the age of 17 will result in denial.
- If you are an OMHC and have submitted claims using the UA for participants over the age of 17, please submit corrected claims with the modifier removed within 30 days of the date of this alert (October 22, 2020).

Beginning November 30, 2020, Optum Maryland will reverse claims from OMHCs that were paid with an incorrect UA modifier and for which corrected claims have not been submitted. Those claims will be denied.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team