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TO: Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) – **For Action**
 Managed Care Organizations – **For Information Only**

SUBJECT: New Billing Procedures for Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs)

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

ACTION: The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA 2023) requires states to cover LPC and LMFT services. As a result, FQHCs may now bill the NJ Family Care/Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program for services provided by LPCs and LMFTs. **Please note that FQHCs cannot bill for services provided by LPCs or LMFTs prior to their enrollment date.** Please see www.njmmis.com for the March 2025 newsletter describing the LPC and LMFT provider enrollment process.

All psychotherapy services provided by an LPC or LMFT within an FQHC shall now be billed reporting the combination of the appropriate HCPCS procedure code with the **HEHH** modifier. Substance use counseling services provided by a LPC or LMFT shall be billed reporting the combination of the appropriate HCPCS procedure code with the **HFHH** modifier. These new HCPCS code/modifier combinations shall continue to be billed with the current Prospective Payment System (PPS) encounter code **T1015HE** for individual therapy services and the PPS encounter code **G0470HQ** for group services.

The following table demonstrates appropriate use of billing codes. These are only examples and do not include all allowable billable services.

HCPCS	Billing Situation	HCPCS/ Modifier combination	Concurrent encounter code
90832	LPC/LMFT providing individual psychotherapy	90832HEHH	T1015HE
90853	LPC/LMFT led group SUD counseling	90837HFHH	G0470HQ
90834	LPC/LMFT providing individual psychotherapy	90834HEHH	T1015HE
90853	LPC/LMFT led group SUD counseling	90853HFHH	G0470HQ

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