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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PASSPORT HEALTH PLAN COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER PROVIDERS:

### Guidance on Modifier Changes

From: Passport Health Plan  
Date: March 26, 2014  
To: Passport Behavioral Health Practitioners and Community Mental Health Center Providers

#### **Background:**

Passport is pleased to announce the addition of available services as a result of the Kentucky Medicaid expansion. The purpose of this memo is to provide you with guidance on authorization rules and modifier changes regarding behavioral health and substance use disorder services covered by Passport Health Plan (Passport).

#### **MODIFIER CHANGES – COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS (CMHCs)**

As you are aware, the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) has implemented changes in modifiers and payment rates for services provided to Medicaid members by CMHCs. Specifically the **changes** are (full list attached):

Professional – CMHC	Existing modifier valid through 12/31/13	New modifier effective 1/1/14	Notes
Psychiatrist	U1	AF	Changed
Certified Social Worker (CSW)	AJ	U4	Changed
Professional Equivalent	U3	HN	Changed
Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	New	U4	New
Certified Prevention Professional	U7	HM	Changed
Marriage & Family Therapist (MFTA)	U9	U4	New
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT)	U9	HO	Changed

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<b>Licensed Psychological Practitioner (LPP)</b>	New	U8	New
<b>Certified Professional Counselor</b>	UA	HO	Referring to the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC)
<b>Psychiatric Resident</b>	GC	U3	Changed
<b>Peer Support Specialist</b>	New	U7	New
<b>Physician Assistant</b>	New	U1	Changed
<b>Registered Nurse with BS Degree</b>	TD	TD	No second modifier required
<b>Per Diem</b>	New	U9	Modifier added

Starting **April 1, 2014**, all CMHC claims must be submitted using the new modifiers. Any dates of services that a CMHC bills for prior to April 1, 2014, may be submitted using the old modifiers.

## **Questions:**

If you have additional questions, please contact **Liz McKune, Passport Health Plan Director of Behavioral Health** at 502-585-7988 or [Liz.McKune@passporthealthplan.com](mailto:Liz.McKune@passporthealthplan.com)

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