

PROVIDER ALERT

Submitting Claims for HG 8-507 (Court Ordered Treatment) Services

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Target Audience: Providers Who Render SUD Services to Individuals Who Are Court Ordered under Health General 8-507

This alert clarifies that the Public Behavioral Health System is the primary payer for substance use disorder (SUD) services to individuals who are ordered by a court into treatment under the terms of the Maryland Annotated Code, Health General 8-507, and outlines how to submit claims.

When submitting claims for services rendered to individuals court ordered under the HG 8-507 program, providers must use the “CP” modifier. The “CP” modifier indicates authorization was given for this court-ordered service. When this modifier is used, Optum Maryland will pay these claims as “primary,” even if the participant also has coverage from another payer.

Providers should continue to submit claims with the “CP” modifier on claims until the participant is no longer receiving court-ordered treatment. The authorization period covering court-ordered treatment is only valid during the court-ordered treatment period. Claims submitted for dates of service outside of that period will be denied for no authorization.

If further care is needed, the provider shall:

- obtain a new, **initial** authorization for the appropriate level of care based on the individual’s medical necessity.
- no longer use the “CP” modifier, which is limited only to the period when the individual is in court-order treatment. Claims with the “CP” modifier will be denied if used in any other context.

If you have questions about the information contained in this alert, please contact Optum Maryland customer service at 1-800-888-1965.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team