



## CMS Changes to KX Modifier Threshold, Effective 1/1/19

The Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2018 repealed and replaced the previous hard therapy cap and exception process with KX modifier thresholds to ensure appropriate therapy. For 2019, the KX modifier thresholds are:

- \$2,040 for PT and SLP services combined
- \$2,040 for OT services

The BBA also introduced new thresholds for targeted medical review (ADR) process. For 2019, the thresholds are:

- \$3,000 for PT and SLP services combined
- \$3,000 for OT services

Documentation is key to compliance for providers who continue therapy services beyond the Medicare threshold amount, since using the KX modifier signifies medical necessity. For claims exceeding the medical review threshold amount, Medicare may request additional documentation before payment. Claims without documentation to substantiate the medical necessity will be denied. [Read the full CMS update...](#)

## Discontinuation of G-Codes, Effective 1/1/19

Functional Status Reporting (G-Codes) has been required on claims since 2013. CMS added G-Codes to claims in order to collect data about a resident's functional limitation and severity at periodic intervals during therapy services.

Data collected from G-Codes supported CMS recommended changes and reforms to Medicare payments for therapy services subject to previous therapy caps. Since the BBA repealed therapy caps (as described above), CMS determined that the G-Code data is no longer needed. As a result, CMS announced that providers may discontinue use of G-Codes on therapy claims effective January 1, 2019. [Read the full CMS update...](#)

## PDPM Is Right Around The Corner, Are You Ready?

By now, medical billing professionals are acutely aware that a new Medicare reimbursement model, the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM), will take effect on October 1, 2019. It is imperative that your clinical and coding staff are properly trained now so your reimbursement will not suffer under the new model. Contact [Stephanie Kessler](#), RKL Senior Living Services Partner, at 717-843-3804 for training support.

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