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**SUBJECT:** Staff Credentialed from Group Therapy

**SERVICE AFFECTED:** 90853 – Group Therapy for Mental Health  
(Does not impact SUD services)

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### **BACKGROUND**

Historically, MDHHS allowed the usage of 90853 with the HN modifier for “Bachelor's in Human Services Field, Child/CMHP Provider Only”, the HO modifier for several “Master’s Level” staff, the TD modifier for Registered Nurse and HP for Doctoral Level Psychologist.

On June 30, 2023, the revised MDHHS code chart discontinued the following modifiers from procedure code 90853 for the mental health population:

- HN - Bachelor’s in Human Services Field
- HO - Master’s in Human Services Field

### **PROCEDURE**

Effective immediately, providers will stop utilizing staff without the appropriate credentials to provide/supervise Group Therapy service, per the MDHHS Code Chart. Providers must be licensed in the State of Michigan to provide therapy and have a master’s degree or higher.

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## BILLING

The provider will continue to submit claims as usual for staff with master's or doctoral level degree as the rendering provider. Providers can no longer submit claims for staff with a bachelor's degree or peer certification as the rendering provider. The rendering provider must be licensed in the State of Michigan to provide therapy and have a master's degree or higher.

## CHARTS

For the behavioral health population, the MDHHS approved staff credentials and modifiers are listed below. For the substance use disorder population, there were no changes to the staff credentials or modifiers.

Code & Description	Staff Credentials	Modifiers
90853 - Group therapy, adult or child, per session, includes MOM Power.	Licensed Professional Counselor	HO - Master's Level
	Marriage and Family Therapist	HO - Master's Level
	Master's Social Worker	HO - Master's Level
	Physician	AG - Physician
	Psychiatrist	AF - Specialty physician
	Psychologist	AH - Clinical Psychologist
	Psychologist	HP - Doctoral Level
	Registered Nurse	TD - Registered Nurse

## REFERENCES:

### Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551\\_2945\\_42542\\_42543\\_42546\\_42553-87572--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42546_42553-87572--,00.html)

### MDHHS Website: SFY 2024 Behavioral Health and Provider Qualifications

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941\\_38765---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_38765---,00.html)

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