



# MEMORANDUM

January 13, 2006

To: Medical Advisory Committee

From: Debra Buchanan, WCD

Subject: Oregon Specific Coding Modifiers OAR 436-009-0015(10)

**Please review as we have added this to the agenda and will discuss at the next meeting Jan. 20, 2006.**

WCD would like to get some input from you regarding proposed new coding modifiers for billing for Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants. In order to more clearly identify who is providing the service we are proposing to change the current rule required modifier of -81 to Oregon Specific codes -08 (PAs) and -09 (NP). (See copy of the proposed rule below OAR 436-009-0015(10)). Currently there is no way to track (for data purposes) how much billing is being done by either of these providers because they are lumped together in the -81 billing modifier. What would be the impact to medical providers in this change, fiscal and otherwise?

"(10) Physician assistant, authorized nurse practitioner, or out-of-state nurse practitioner fees shall be paid at the rate of 85 percent of a physician's allowable fee for a comparable service. [The bills for services by these providers must be marked with modifier "81".] Chart notes shall document when medical services have been provided by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

**(a) Physician assistants shall bill using modifier "-08".**

**(b) Authorized Nurse Practitioners shall bill using modifier "-09".**