



2022 Annual Update of Per-Beneficiary Threshold Amounts

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This MLN Matters Article is for physicians, therapists, and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for therapy services they provide to Medicare patients.

Provider Action Needed

In this Article, you will learn about:

- The updates to the annual per-beneficiary incurred expenses amounts now called the KX modifier thresholds and related policy for calendar year 2022 (CY 2022)
- The CY 2022 KX modifier threshold amounts are:
 - \$2,150 for Physical Therapy (PT) and Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) services combined
 - \$2,150 for Occupational Therapy (OT) services

Make sure your billing staff knows about these changes.

Background

A provision of [Section 50202 of the BBA of 2018](#) adds [Section 1833\(g\)\(7\)\(A\)](#) of the Social Security Act (the Act) preserving the former therapy cap amounts as thresholds above which claims must include the KX modifier (confirming that services are medically necessary as justified by appropriate documentation in the medical record). These amounts are now known as the KX modifier thresholds. There's one amount for PT and SLP services combined and a separate amount for OT services. Claims from suppliers or providers for therapy services above these amounts without the KX modifier are denied.

These per-beneficiary amounts under [Section 1833\(g\) of the Act](#) (as amended by 1997 BBA) are updated each year by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI).

Another provision of [Section 50202 of the BBA of 2018](#) adds [Section 1833\(g\)\(7\)\(B\) of the Act](#) to maintain the targeted medical review process (first established through Section 202 of the

Medicare Access and Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2015) but at a lower threshold amount of \$3,000. This threshold amount is now the Medical Record (MR) threshold amount – one MR threshold amount for PT and SLP services combined and another for OT services – remains at \$3,000 until CY 2028 when it will be updated by the MEI.

More Information

We issued [CR 12470](#) to your MAC as the official instruction for this change.

For more information, [find your MAC's website](#).

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