



# Quality Assurance Bulletin

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## GUIDE TO PROCEDURE CODES UPDATES

The Guide to Procedure Codes for Specialty Mental Health Services (“the Guide”) has been updated based on additional information provided in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Payment Reform Frequently Asked Questions as well as other written responses from DHCS. In addition, the Guide has been updated to account for new draft guidance from DHCS regarding claims for student practitioners. The information in the Guide related to students, marked DRAFT is provided now in order to allow contracted providers to begin updating their electronic systems.

Below is a summary of the updates. Unless otherwise indicated, for contracted providers, claims may be submitted to LACDMH based on the updated guidance retroactive to July 1, 2023. Claims already submitted do not have to be voided and replaced with the updated guidance. For directly operated staff using IBHIS, no change in practice is needed as all updates are accounted for centrally through IBHIS set-up.

### INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ Added clarifying information that separate notes may be written and separate claims may be submitted for the group HCPCS codes, including H0025, H2017:HQ, and H0034:HQ when a client participates in multiple group rehab or group medication sessions on the same day.

### DISCIPLINES/CATEGORIES/TAXONOMIES:

- ✓ Added 2084N0400X- Physician, Neurology for the MD/DO and MD/DO Residents
- ✓ Removed the statement of Students’ requirement: “Students, who are pre-licensed and not yet registered with their professional licensing boards, are considered Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialists for the purpose of rate identification”. DHCS has not yet released the rate for students.

### MODIFIERS:

- ✓ Added Student (Clinical Trainee)’s modifiers as indicated below. Students are to utilize the below modifiers along with the appropriate CPT/HCPCS codes.
  - AJ: Master’s Degree LPHA Student
  - AH: PhD/PsyD Students
  - TD: Registered Nurse Student
  - TE: Licensed Vocational Nurse Student
  - HM: Licensed Psychiatric Technician Student
  - CO: Licensed Occupational Therapist Student
  - HP: Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist Student
  - HO: Registered Pharmacist Student

*Note: For contracted providers, please continue to hold any student’s claims with the above modifiers until IBHIS has been set up to accept them. QA will announce as soon as they are ready.*

- ✓ Added Mobile Crisis Service modifier, HW. It will be utilized only for the Mobile Crisis services provided by Psychiatric Mobile Crisis Teams (PMRT), Therapeutic Transport Teams (TTT) and Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT).

### ADD-ON CODES

- ✓ Added clarifying information on T1013 Sign Language/Interpretation: A claim for interpretation should be submitted when the provider and the client cannot communicate in the same language, and the provider uses an on-site interpreter and/or individual trained in medical interpretation to provide medical interpretation. (DHCS FAQ)

- ✓ Removed “RN” from the unallowed disciplines of 90887:CG, Interpretation/Explanation of Results as DHCS has reconsidered and added RN’s rate to the add-on code.
- ✓ Added new add-on codes for the Mobile Crisis services only: T2007 Mobile Crisis Transporting Time and A0140 Mobile Crisis Transportation Mileage.

#### **PLACE of SERVICE/LOCATION**

- ✓ Added clarifying information on Place of Service (POS) 15, Mobile Unit - Only utilized by Psychiatric Mobile Response Team (PMRT), Therapeutic Transportation (TTT), and Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT).
- ✓ Added POS 27, Outreach Site/Street - A non-permanent location on the street or found environment, not described by any other POS code, where health professionals provide preventive, screening, diagnostic, and/or treatment services to unsheltered homeless individuals.  
*Note: Please hold any claims with the POS 27 until IBHIS has been set up to accept them. QA will announce as soon as they are ready.*

#### **PROCEDURE CODES:**

- ✓ Added students in the Allowable Disciplines for the available CPT codes.
- ✓ Added Caregiver Assessment (96161) as an allowable add-on for 96110, Developmental Screening, 15 min.
- ✓ Added two new CPT codes for Inpatient Services: 99238 Hospital Discharge Day Management 30 minutes or less and 99239 Hospital Discharge Day Management, More than 30 minutes.
- ✓ Added the POS 56, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center, to 99341-99350, Evaluation & Management in the Client's Home.
- ✓ Updated description of Evaluation and Management Medication Codes:
  - 99307, Subsequent Nursing Facility Care per Day, for the Evaluation and Management of a Patient. The Patient is stable, Recovering or Improving, 1-12 Minutes.
  - 99308, Subsequent Nursing Facility Care per Day, for the Evaluation and Management of a Patient. The Patient is Responding inadequately to Therapy or Has Developed a Minor Complication, 13-19 Minutes.
  - 99309, Subsequent Nursing Facility Care per Day, for the Evaluation and Management of a Patient. The Patient has Developed a Significant Complication or a Significant New Problem, 20-29 Minutes.
  - 99310, Subsequent Nursing Facility Care per Day, for the Evaluation and Management of a Patient. The Patient May Be Unstable or May Have Developed a Significant New Problem Requiring Immediate Physician Attention, 30-40 Minutes.
- ✓ Added Interpretation/Explanation of Results (90887CG) as an allowable add-on for 90870 Electroconvulsive Therapy
- ✓ Added the clarification of H0033 as to be used by LVN and LPT for administering Medications orally or intravenously.
  - Removed the alternative code of H0034 Intramuscular Injections by LVN and LPT
- ✓ Added H2011:HW, Mobile Crisis Services, per Encounter. This code is reported by PMRT, TT and MCOT providers only.
- ✓ Updated code for Day Services, S9484:HE Crisis Stabilization: Urgent Care.
- ✓ Updated the Residential Service codes based on the age groups.
  - H0018:HA:HE Crisis Residential, Children’s Crisis Residential Program (CCRP)
  - H0018:HB:HE Crisis Residential, Adult from 21 through 64 years of age
  - H0018:HC:HE Crisis Residential, Geriatric Adult 65 years of age and over
  - H0019:HB:HE Transitional Residential- Transitional, Adult from 21 through 64 years of age
  - H0019:HC:HE Transitional Residential- Transitional, Geriatric Adult 65 years of age and over
  - H0018:HA:HE:Hx Crisis Residential, Children’s Crisis Residential Program (CCRP) Non Medi-Cal
  - H0018:HB:HE:Hx Crisis Residential, Adult from 21 through 64 years of age Non Medi-Cal

- H0018:HC:HE:Hx Crisis Residential, Geriatric Adult 65 years of age and over Non Medi-Cal
- H0019:HB:HE:Hx Transitional Residential- Transitional, Adult from 21 through 64 years of age-Non Medi-Cal
- H0019:HC:HE:Hx Transitional Residential- Transitional, Geriatric Adult 65 years of age and over Non Medi-Cal

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- ✓ Updated code for Life Support 134
- ✓ Recategorized Inpatient Service codes and deleted inactive codes
  - Removed 101:HB:HK Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) with Special Treatment Patch (STP) Hearing Impaired (Laurel Park, Provider #0058)
  - Updated 100:HB Skilled Nursing Facility-Acute Intensive to 77777

If directly-operated or contracted providers have any questions related to this Bulletin, please contact the QA Unit at [QualityAssurance@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:QualityAssurance@dmh.lacounty.gov).

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