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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 information provided in the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 Service Table and Payment Reform Frequently Asked Questions as well as other written responses from DHCS.

Below is a summary of significant updates to the Guide effective for FY 2024/2025 with dates of services on or after July 1, 2024. For directly operated staff using IBHIS, no change in practice is needed as all updates are accounted for centrally through IBHIS set-up.

STRUCTURE OF GUIDE:

- ✓ Added statement about Medicare billing related to claims for T2021 and T2024

MODIFIERS:

- ✓ Replaced reference to G2212 with G0316, T2021, and T2024

PROCEDURE CODES:

- ✓ Removed G2212 as an allowable prolonged add-on code.
- ✓ Added HCPCS codes T2021 and T2024 as new primary codes to use when certain durations are met for services that may no longer be extended by G2212.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code G0316 to replace prolonged service code G2212 for the following codes: 99236, 99223 and 99233.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code 99415 and 99416 to replace G2212 for the following codes: 99205 and 99215.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code 99417 for code 99245, 99345, and 99350.
- ✓ Added prolonged service code 99418 to replace G2212 for the following codes: 99306, 99310, and 99255.
- ✓ Removed prolonged add-on code G2212 for the following codes: 96372, 96373, and 96377. These codes are no longer extended.

Please refer to the Appendix for more specific instruction and information on the above noted changes and the difference between FY23/24 and FY24/25.

- ✓ Deleted code 99343: Evaluation & Management Home Visit due to duration changes.
- ✓ Updated the age ranges for crisis and adult residential codes. Codes with HA modifier combination are for clients under the age of 21 and codes with HB modifier combination are for clients ages 21 to 64.

In addition to the items noted above, many procedure codes had changes in duration, Practitioner Specific Lockout Codes, and/or Practitioner Second Services Requiring Modifier.

Please refer to the track changes version of the Guide to Procedure Codes for detailed information on the above changes.

Other updates to the Guide which were previously shared but had not yet been added to the Guide are detailed below. These changes are not specific to Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and apply to all dates of service on or after July 1, 2023.

DISCIPLINES/CATEGORIES/TAXONOMIES:

- ✓ Added reference for ASW, AMFT, and APCC that they must be registered with the Board or pending registration per the Board of Behavioral Sciences 90-Day Rule.
- ✓ Clarified information for ASW, AMFT, APCC, and Waivered Psychologist regarding use of modifiers.
- ✓ Clarified information for MD/DO Residents use of modifiers.
- ✓ Replaced “Student” with “Clinical Trainee” and provided definition of Clinical Trainee.
- ✓ Clarified information for Clinical Trainee to include the procedure code modifier as well as their supervisor’s NPI information when rendering services.
- ✓ Clarified information that non Medi-Cal claims, including COS, rendered by Clinical Trainees do not include student modifiers but do require their supervisor’s NPI information.

MODIFIERS:

- ✓ Clarified information around use of HX modifier

PROCEDURE CODES:

- ✓ Added Murphy Bed and Special Population Inpatient Bed codes.
- ✓ Added Section for Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Professional Services along with table for physician and psychologist codes.

If directly-operated or contracted providers have any questions related to this Bulletin, please contact the QA Unit at QAPolicy@dmh.lacounty.gov

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Appendix

Codes listed are Primary Codes unless they follow a "+". If they follow another code and a "+" they are an add-on prolong code and must be included on the same claim as the other code indicated.

Assessment Codes Service Description	FY 23-24		FY 24-25	
	Duration (min)	Code	Duration (min)	Code
Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview	8-22	90791	31-67	90791
	23 +	90791 + G2212	68 +	T2024
Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview with Medical Services	8-22	90792	31-67	90792
	23 +	90792 + G2212	68 +	T2024
Psychiatric Evaluation of Hospital Records	8-22	90885	31-67	90885
	23 +	90885 +G2212	68 +	T2024
Developmental Screening	8-22	96110	31-67	96110
	23 +	96110 +G2212	68 +	T2024
Brief Emotional/Behavioral Assessment	8-22	96127	31-67	96127
	23 +	96127+G2212	68 +	T2024
Observation or Inpatient Hospital Care, Including Admission and Discharge on the Same Day	54-67	99236	85-106	99236
	68+	99236 +G2212	107 +	99236+ prolong code G0316
Psychological Testing Codes Service Description	FY 23-24		FY 24-25	
	Duration (min)	Code	Duration (min)	Code
Assessment of Aphasia	31-67	96105	31-67	96105
	68+	96105+G2212	68 +	T2024
Standardized Cognitive Performance Testing	31-67	96125	31-67	96125
	68+	96125+G2212	68 +	T2024
Psychological or Neurological Test Administration (Auto)	8-22	96146	31-67	96146
	23+	96146+G2212	68 +	T2024
Psychotherapy Codes Service Description	FY 23-24		FY 24-25	
	Duration (min)	Code	Duration (min)	Code
Psychotherapy,60 Minutes, with Patient	53-67	90837	53-67	90837
	68+	90837+G2212	68+	T2021
Family Psychotherapy [Conjoint Family Therapy](with patient present)	26-57	90847	26-57	90847
	58+	90847+G2212	58+	T2021
Multi Family Psychotherapy	8-22	90849	43-91	90849
	23+	90849+G2212	92+	T2021:HQ
Group Psychotherapy	8-22	90853	23-57	90853
	23+	90853+G2212	58+	T2021:HQ
Hypnotherapy (Contact QA prior to utilizing this service code)	8-22	90880	31-67	90880
	23+	90880+G2212	68+	T2021
Psychoanalysis (Contact QA prior to utilizing this service code)	8-22	90845	23-52	90845
	23+	90845+G2212	53+	T2021

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Evaluation and Management Medication Codes		FY 23-24		FY 24-25	
Service Description and Code		Duration (min)	Code	Duration (min)	Code
Office or Other Outpatient Vist of a New Patient 99205	60-81	99205	60-103	99205	
	82+	99205 +G2212	104-163	99205 +prolong code 99415	
			164+	99205 + prolong code 99416	
Office or Other Outpatient Vist of an Established Patient 99215	40-61	99215	40-83	99215	
	62+	99215 + G2212	84-143	99215+prolong code 99415	
			144+	99215+ prolong code 99416	
Office Consultation for New or Established Patient. Usually, the Presenting Problem(s) are Moderate to High Severity 99245	71-97	99245	55-83	99245	
	98+	99245+G2212	84+	99245+prolong code 99417	
Initial Nursing Facility Care 99306	40-67	99306	50-78	99306	
	68+	99306+G2212	79+	99306+prolong code 99418	
Home Visit of a New Patient, 99345	66-87	99345	75-103	99345	
	N/A	99345+G2212	104+	99345+prolong code 99417	
Subsequent Nursing Facility Care per Day, for the Evaluation and Management of a Patient 99310	30-47	99310	45-73	99310	
	48+	99310+G2212	74+	99310+prolong code 99418	
Home Visit of Established Patient 99350	51-77	99350	60-88	99350	
	N/A	N/A	89+	99350+prolong code 99417	
Evaluation and Management Hospital Codes		FY 23-24		FY 24-25	
Service Description and Code		Duration (min)	Code	Duration (min)	Code
Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation 99223	60-86	99223	75-96	99223	
	87+	99223+G2212	97+	99223+ prolong code G0316	
Subsequent Hospital Care, per Day, for the Evaluation and Management of a Patient. Usually, the Patient is Unstable or has Developed a Significan New Problem 99233	30-47	99233	50-71	99233	
	48+	99233+G22212	72+	99233+prolong code G0316	
Inpatient Consulation for a New or Established Patient 99255	91-137	99255	80-108	99255	
	138+	99233+G2212	109+	99233+prolong code 99418	
Non Evaluation and Management Medication Codes		FY 23-24		FY 24-25	
Service Description and Code		Duration (min)	Code	Duration (min)	Code
Narcosynthesis for Psychiatric Diagnostic and Therapeutic Purposes 90865	8-22	90865	46-97	90865	
	23+	90865+G2212	98+	T2024	
Electroconvulsive Therapy (Includes Necessary Monitoring), 90870	8-22	90870	11-27	90870	
	23+	90870+G2212	28+	T2021	