



# 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 the newly released Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Specialty Mental Health Services Billing Manual. Below is a summary of updates to the Guide effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2024, unless otherwise specified below.

#### INTRODUCTION:

- ✓ Added reference to the Companion Guide for available Evidence Based Practice (EBP) codes.

#### Modifier:

- ✓ Added exemption from the duplicate service check for procedure codes T2021, T2021:HQ, and T2024.

#### DISCIPLINE/TAXONOMY:

- ✓ Added Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) Practitioner Category Codes for all disciplines.
- ✓ Effective immediately, modified available taxonomies for Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist:
  - Removed 171M00000X Case Manager/Case Coordinator.
  - Removed 225800000X Recreation Therapist.
- ✓ Retroactive to January 1, 2025, modified available IBHIS Practitioner Categories and taxonomies for Other Mental Health Workers:
  - Removed “Community Worker” and added “MHW”.
  - Removed 172V00000X Community Worker.
  - Added 373H00000X Day Training/Habilitation Specialist.

Note: For taxonomy updates, practitioners must make updates in the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) prior to updating the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Network Adequacy Provider and Practitioner Administration (NAPPA) application. Please refer to specific instructions provided in the [Discipline/Taxonomy Changes webinar](#).

#### PROCEDURE CODES:

- ✓ Added Mental Health/Health Professional (Consultant) to the Type of Contact for H0038, Individual Peer Support.
- ✓ Revised 90839, Crisis Psychotherapy Prolong maximum units from 13 to 14 units.
- ✓ Revised group therapy service code 90853, Group Psychotherapy, 50 Minutes, minimum minutes from 23 to 26 minutes.

- ✓ Added Occupational Therapist (OT) clinical trainees as an allowable discipline for the following assessment service codes:

• 96110, Developmental Screening, 60 minutes	• 96113, Developmental Testing, Add-On each additional, 30 minutes
• 96112, Developmental Testing, First Hour	

- ✓ Removed practitioner specific lockout (per day) between T2021 and the following service codes:

• 90837, Psychotherapy, 60 minutes	• 90853, Group Psychotherapy, 50 minutes
• 90845, Psychoanalysis, 45 minutes	• 90870, Electroconvulsive Therapy, 20 minutes
• 90847, Family Psychotherapy, 50 minutes	• 90880, Hypnotherapy, 60 minutes
• 90849, Multi-Family Group Psychotherapy, 84 minutes	

- ✓ Removed practitioner specific lockout (per day) between T2024 and the following service codes:

• 90791, Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview, 60 minutes	• 96110, Developmental Screening, 60 minutes
• 90792, Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview with Medical Services, 60 minutes	• 96125, Standardized Cognitive Performance Testing, first hour
• 90865, Narcosynthesis for Psychiatric Diagnostic and Therapeutic Purposes, 90 minutes	• 96127, Brief Emotional/Behavioral Assessment, 60 minutes
• 90885, Psychiatric Evaluation of Hospital Records, Other Psychiatric Reports, Psychometric and/or Projective Tests, and Other Accumulated Data for Medical Diagnostic Purposes, 60 minutes	• 96146, Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Administration (Auto), 60 minutes
• 96105, Assessment of Aphasia, first hour	

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