

CPT and Procedure Code Training

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# CPT and PROCEDURE CODE TRAINING

## for NON-MEDICAL STAFF

ADDITIONAL DATES ANNOUNCEMENT



**APRIL 10, 2013- 1 - 3p**

**OR**

**MAY 13, 2013- 10a - 12p**

**OPEN TO CLINICAL MANAGEMENT,  
AND QA STAFF OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS IN ALAMEDA  
COUNTY BHCS CBO (Master Contract) NETWORK**

**NOTE: This is a clinical training for QA, Training, or Clinical Supervisory  
Staff- NO LINE STAFF- THIS IS NOT A BILLING TRAINING**

**\*If you have recently attended but would like a refresher, you may register for the  
added dates but only if you fit the training criteria**

### **Presenters:**

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- Michael DeVito, MFT, MPH**
- Anthony Sanders, PhD**

**Training will be held on the ACBHCS Administration Campus:  
2000 Embarcadero Cove, Oakland  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gail Steele Room**

### **Learning Objectives:**

- 1. Understand the newly implemented CPT codes and the eliminated CPT codes**
- 2. Distill your clinical care into appropriate documentation best captured by specific CPT codes**
- 3. Update your clinical practice to successfully use and deploy CPT codes**

**Pre-registration is required**

**Please click or go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPT2013>**

**Check-in, on the day of training, will begin 30 minutes prior to start time.**

**For further questions, please contact [QAOffice@acbhcs.org](mailto:QAOffice@acbhcs.org)**

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## CPT CODE 1/1/13 CHANGES

### FAQ

**Q: Our agency often does both a MH Assessment and a Medication Assessment on the same day for our clients. May we bill for both a 323-90791 *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation* and a 565-90792 *Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation with a Medical Component* on the same day by different providers?**

A: Yes

**Q: Our agency sometimes does a MH Assessment with the client and the family of the client separately on the same day by the same provider. May we bill either 323-90791 or 565-90792 twice in the same day by the same provider?**

A: Yes, but only if different “informants” (such as client and family member) are seen in each Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation. They must be seen separately and documented as such.

**Q: Clinician’s Gateway will no longer accept “0” minutes in the face-to-face fields for some codes. Are we now unable to bill for phone services?**

A: Yes, you may bill. For now, when providing MH Services on the telephone—enter the number of contact minutes into the face-to-face fields. Also, be sure to indicate “telephone” in the “location” field so that only Medi-Cal is billed.

**A: Do we use code 323-90791 (Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation) when we complete the Community Functioning Evaluation?**

A: No, use code 324-96151 (Behavioral Evaluation). One advantage to this code is that all disciplines (with appropriate training and experience) may gather the Community Functioning Evaluation (or approved equivalent form) data.

**Q: Now, that Medicare requires that the choice of many billing codes (those with time frames, min-max) be done on the basis of face-to-face time, can we bill for work done exclusively on the phone (e.g. crisis, therapy, etc.)?**

A: Yes, the choice of the code would then be based on the *client contact time* and you would select the location code “telephone”. Such claims will bypass Medicare and bill directly to Medi-Cal.

**Q: Medical Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA, CNS) claim medication services on codes that require face-to-face time, how do they bill for medication support on the phone?**

A: Medical Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA, CNS) use a specific County Code of 367 for non-face-to-face medication training and support.

A: For RN/LVN see below.

**Q: RN and LVN’s cannot bill Medicare, how do they bill for medication support?**

A: RN/LVN's use a County Code 369 for medication support. It may be face-to-face (f-f) or non-f-f.

**Q: Some CPT codes now require a minimum amount of client f-f time, are we unable to bill for those services if our f-f time is below the minimum required?**

A: You may not use a CPT code in which the f-f time does not meet the minimum required by the CPT manual (i.e. a minimum of 16" for Individual Psychotherapy). However, if there is another appropriate code (that the service meets) you may claim and chart to that service.

**Q: The Crisis Intervention code has been eliminated and replaced with Crisis Therapy (377-90839, 378+90840). We have MHRS and Adjunct staff who used to provide Crisis Intervention services but who are not allowed to do Psychotherapy, may they bill the new "therapy" code?**

A: Yes, the definition of Crisis Intervention Services has not changed—only the Code Label. With the appropriate training and experience your staff may provide Crisis Intervention Services—now identified as Crisis Therapy.

**Q: In Children's Services we used to use Code 319 for "Collateral Family Therapy". We now see code 413-90846 ("Family Psychotherapy without Patient Present") and code 449-90847 ("Family Psychotherapy with Patient Present") on the Master Code List. Which should we use?**

A: Codes 413-90846 and 449-90847 have now been added to the Children's Programs' RU's. These are the codes to now use as they are more specific and map to an approved CPT code for billing purposes.

**Q: The Interactive Complexity add-on code 491+90785 is used for 456-90853 Group Psychotherapy. Can it also be used for 455-90849 Multi-Family Group Psychotherapy and/or 391 Group Rehabilitation services?**

A: No, the only group related code that the add-on code 491+90785 Interactive Complexity may be used with is code 406-90853 Group Psychotherapy.

**Q: The Interactive Complexity add-on code 491+90785 is used for Individual Psychotherapy. Can it also be used for 413-90846 and/or 449-90847 Family Psychotherapy codes?**

A: No, Interactive Complexity add-on code may not be used for Family Psychotherapy; however it may be used with Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation (323-90791, 565-90792), Group Psychotherapy (456-90853), Individual Psychotherapy (441-90832, 442-90834, 443-90837), and the Individual Psychotherapy add-on codes (465+90833, 467+90836, 468+90838).

**Q: May Interactive Complexity 491+90785 be used with all E/M codes?**

A: No, 491+90785 Interactive Complexity add-on code may only be used in conjunction with a Primary E/M code which also has a Psychotherapy add-on code (465+90833, 467+90836, 468+90838) associated with it.

**Q: May we bill the Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation codes 323-90791, or 565-90792 without the client present?**

A: Yes, you may review medical records, interview others involved in the client's care and still utilize these codes. If you interview the client on the phone—note that as the location code and you may bill these codes.

**Q: How do I enter Interactivity Complexity 491+90785 for billing purposes?**

A: In Clinician's Gateway select "present" in the Interactive Complexity Field.

A: For InSyst, select the 491+90785 code and enter one (1) minute for the duration of service as a placeholder.

**Q: Clinician's Gateway does not allow me to select multiple 30" Crisis Therapy 378+90840 add-on codes. May we then only bill for the first 1 1/2 hours of crisis?**

A: You may bill for the length of service provided, and Clinician's Gateway will bill the appropriate number of 30" Crisis Therapy Add-on's to the Insurer. However, when entering data into the database you total all of the f-f time beyond the first 60 minutes and enter those minutes in the "second f-f minutes" field for the add-on code.

**Q: May we use the Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation codes 323-90791, or 565-90792, for re-assessment purposes?**

A: Yes, these codes may be used for both Initial and re-assessments.

**Q: If we provide an E/M service in the field, at school or at a home may we use the E/M codes 99211-99215 which indicate "Office or other outpatient visit"?**

A: Yes, also select the appropriate "Location Code" when utilizing these E/M codes (e.g. telephone, field, school, home, etc.).

**Q: Clinician's Gateway used to support Co-Staffing of a service. It no longer does for some procedures, may we bill for both of the staff's time?**

A: Yes, if each provider writes a separate note and indicates what unique contribution each had, or why a second person was needed (e.g. safety). If "duplicate entry" is displayed, select the reason.

**Q: The CPT manual indicates Interactive Complexity 491+90785, includes: "Use of play equipment, interpreter or translator to overcome barriers to diagnostic or therapeutic interaction". May we claim Interactive Complexity when we have an Interpreter present to overcome the language barriers to therapeutic interventions?**

A: No, currently CMS has indicated that the Interactive Complexity code "...should not be used to bill solely for translation or interpretation services as that may be a violation of federal statute".

**Q: The CPT manual indicates Interactive Complexity 491+90785, includes: "Use of play equipment, interpreter or translator to overcome barriers to diagnostic or therapeutic interaction". May we claim Interactive Complexity when we utilize play therapy equipment for the majority of the session (sand tray, etc.)?**

A: Yes, the use of play equipment throughout the session allows you to claim for Interactive Complexity.

**Q: May we choose the time bracketed (min-max) CPT Codes based on total time so that we may be reimbursed for transportation and documentation time as well as f-f time?**

A: No, CPT Codes with time-frames (min-max) must be chosen only on the basis of f-f time (or contact time if done on the phone). However, you may claim for your time for transportation and documentation time as below. (Also, see examples, in the Power Point CPT Code Jan 2013 Changes Training.)

A: For Insyst:

- Choose the appropriate code based on the f-f time and then enter the Total Number of minutes (inclusive of documentation and travel time) even if the time exceeds that listed for the code. Do not choose a code which allows for more time. InSyst will claim to Medicare and Medi-Cal appropriately behind the scenes.
- If you have needed to choose Crisis Therapy or Psychotherapy add-on codes—add the documentation and travel time to the minutes for the last add-on code (but do not add an additional add-on code for those minutes).

A: For Clinician's Gateway

- Choose the appropriate code based on the f-f time and enter that time in the "Primary F-f Time field". In the "Primary Clinician Time" field, add the f-f time with the documentation and travel time and enter the Total Time.
- If add-on codes for Crisis Therapy or Psychotherapy are needed--do not add the documentation time and travel time to the "Primary Clinician Time" field (just enter Primary F-F time). After entering the remaining f-f time in the "2<sup>nd</sup> FF Time field"-- add the documentation and travel time to the add-on code's f-f time in the "Secondary Total Time Field". (Be sure to also indicate the remaining f-f time in the 2<sup>nd</sup> FF Time field).
- See examples, in the Power Point CPT Code Jan 2013 Changes Training.

**Q: May we utilize the 690 Mobile Crisis Response Code?**

A: No, this code is specific to the "Crisis Response Program's" RU only. As appropriate use the Crisis Therapy Codes: 377-90839 & 378+90840.

**Q: May we utilize the “New Patient” E/M codes 545-9, 992(01-05)?**

A: CBO’s may use these codes if they have not provided Psychiatric Services to the client in the past three years. Alternatively, they may use Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 565-90792 (there is no 3 year limit). County Clinics must use the code Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation 565-90792. Any person qualified to use E/M can also use 99212-15 E/M codes.

**Q: In a paper record (not Clinician’s Gateway note) how do we enter the minutes for crisis when there are multiple add-on codes, do we break them down per code?**

A: You do need to indicate every add-on code, but then total the minutes (with f-f time broken out). For example: 128 minutes f-f time, 30 minutes documentation and 60 minutes travel time. Indicate as such:

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In Chart:

377-90839,,378+90840, 378+90840

F-F 128”, Doc 30”, Travel 60”, Total 218”  
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In InSyst:

377-90839 60"

378+90840 30"

378+90840 128"

**Q: May we utilize E/M codes that are not in our program’s RU such as SNF E/M codes?**

A: No, programs may only provide those services authorized in their contract. Contact Provider Relations if you believe you are contracted for a procedure code that is not being accepted in InSyst.

**Q: In Clinician’s Gateway I received an error statement “problem with form”, what does this indicate?**

A: Hover your cursor over the red dot for more information. Call the IS help desk if you need additional assistance at 510-567(3)-8160.

**Q: Where can I learn more about the 2013 CPT Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services changes—especially utilizing the E/M Codes?**

A: See below:

The National Council Resource Page:

- [http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/cpt\\_codes](http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/cpt_codes)

The American Psychiatric Association Resource Page

- <http://www.psych.org/practice/managing-a-practice/cpt-changes-2013/current-procedural-terminology-cpt-code-changes-for-2013>

The AACAP

- [http://www.aacap.org/cs/business\\_of\\_practice/reimbursement\\_for\\_practitioners](http://www.aacap.org/cs/business_of_practice/reimbursement_for_practitioners)

#### The American Psychological Association

- <http://www.apapracticecentral.org/reimbursement/billing/psychotherapy-codes.pdf>
- [http://www.apapracticecentral.org/reimbursement/billing/index.aspx?\\_\\_utma=12968039.338271549.1342112804.1359501649.1361380803.10&\\_\\_utmb=12968039.1.10.1361380803&\\_\\_utmc=12968039&\\_\\_utmz=12968039.1361380803.10.6.utmcsr=google|utmccn=\(organic\)|utmcmd=organic|utmctr=american psychological association cpt code changes&\\_\\_utmv=-&\\_\\_utmk=224931866](http://www.apapracticecentral.org/reimbursement/billing/index.aspx?__utma=12968039.338271549.1342112804.1359501649.1361380803.10&__utmb=12968039.1.10.1361380803&__utmc=12968039&__utmz=12968039.1361380803.10.6.utmcsr=google|utmccn=(organic)|utmcmd=organic|utmctr=american psychological association cpt code changes&__utmv=-&__utmk=224931866)

#### The AMA

- <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/coding-billing-insurance/cpt.page?>
- The AMA app: EM Quickref (android or apple)
- **AMA Webinar - Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services: [CPT® 2013 Changes - Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services](#)**. This one-hour program discusses the changes made in the Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services coding section.



# CPT Code Training: From the Old to the New

ACBHCS QA 3.2013

## AGENDA

- Why we are doing this training

## HANDOUTS

- CPT Power Point Presentation
- CPT FAQ
- CPT Code Sheets: Crosswalks & Master
- Guidelines for Scope of Practice
- Handout for CG users
- Interactive Complexity Info Sheet
- E/M & Psychotherapy Coding Algorithm
- E/M Services Guide: Coding by Key Component
- E/M Client Examples: Office, Established client

## CPT Codes vs. HCPC vs. Procedure Codes

- 3 Types of Codes:
  - **InSyst three digit Procedure Codes are used by our providers for service entry.** These procedure codes translate into HCPC or CPT codes when BHCS bills the service.
  - **CPT codes are used by Medicare** and commercial insurance for billing.
  - **HCPC Codes are used by Medi-Cal** for billing (*behind the scenes*)
- **You must use both the 3 digit InSyst (County) Procedure codes and the 5 digit CPT codes in your documentation.**
  - If there is not an associated CPT code—just use the 3 digit InSyst code.

## New InSyst Procedure codes map to Medicare CPT and Medi-Cal HCPC Codes in the background

- Codes: Initial Eval, Community Functioning Evaluation, Psychotherapy, Crisis Therapy & Add-on Codes
  - INSYST can distinguish if these services are being billed by LCSW, MFT, intern, etc.
    - If an MFT (for a client with Medicare & Medi-Cal) bills for psychotherapy, INSYST sees that and sends it to Medi-Cal (since an MFT cannot bill Medicare)
      - In this case, even though Medicare will not be billed, we still use the new codes.

## Deleted Procedure Codes

Old	New	New Code	Description
90862	E/M	N/A	<b>Pharmacologic Management</b>
90857	Group Therapy + Interactive Complexity add-on	456-90853 +491	Interactive Group Therapy
Multiple	Use Non-AB3632 Codes	N/A	AB3632 Codes (except Day Treatment & Day Rehab)
90805 90807	Use E/M + Psychotherapy add-on codes	E/M + +441-90832 +442-90834 +443-90837	<b>Combination codes for Medication Management with Psychotherapy</b>

## Retained Procedure Codes

Old	New	CPT	Description
413	413	90846,	Family Psychotherapy without Client Present
449	449	90847,	Family Psychotherapy with Client Present
455	455	90849	Multiple-family Group Psychotherapy

## New or Revised InSyst/CPT Codes

Old	New	CPT	Description
331/332*	323	90791	Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation (Initial & Reassessment)
433/434	565	90792	Psych Diag Eval with Medical (Initial & Reassessment)
321/322*	324	96151	Behavioral Eval. (Comm. Funct'ng Eval. or Approved Equiv.)
341/342*	441	90832	Psychotherapy: 30 minutes
444-8/	442	90834	Psychotherapy: 45 minutes
4450	443	90837	Psychotherapy: 60 minutes
463/464 466	+465/7/ 8	+90833/6/ 8	Add-on Psychotherapy (to E/M): 30/45/60 minutes
351/457	456	90853	Group Psychotherapy
new	+491	+90785	Interactive Complexity Add On (only for those above)
371/372*	377	90839	Crisis Therapy : 60 minutes (previously Crisis Services)
	+378	+90840	Add-on Crisis Therapy: 30 minute increments
641/3-6	641/3-6	99211-5	E/M Established outpatient Codes: 5/10/15/25/40 min's
new	369	---	Meds Management RN/LVN/PT only (f-f or non f-f)
new	367	---	Medical Provider Non f-f Medication Trng & Support

\* Eliminated AB3632 Codes.

## Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation Procedure Codes

- Two new codes distinguish between:

323--90791: an initial evaluation without medical services includes the following:

- Biopsychosocial assessment including history, mental status and recommendations and may include:
  - communication with family, others, and
  - review and ordering of diagnostic studies

565--90792: an initial evaluation with medical activities provided only by a medical provider includes those services in 90791 and:

- Medical assessment Physical exam beyond mental status (when appropriate)
- May include:
  - communication with family, others,
  - prescription medications, and
  - review and ordering of laboratory or other diagnostic studies



## Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation Procedure Codes Cont.

- Reporting Psychiatric Diagnostic Procedures
  - Each Psychiatric Diagnostic Codes may be reported only once per day (unless seeing the client and significant other separately).
  - 323-90791 Psych Diag Eval may be provided by a non-medical provider on the same day 565-90792 Psych Diag Eval with Medical Component is provided by a medical provider (psychiatrist/ANP/PA).
  - Cannot be reported with an E/M code on same day *by same individual provider*.
  - Cannot be reported with psychotherapy service code on same day *by any provider*.
  - May be reported more than once for a client when *separate diagnostic evaluations* are conducted with the *client* and *other collaterals* (such as family members, guardians, and significant others).
    1. Diagnostic evaluation for child with child.
    2. Diagnostic evaluation for child with caretaker.
  - Use the same codes, for later reassessment, as indicated.

## Non E/M Codes (Psychotherapy & Crisis): Time Periods & (+) Add- On Codes

- **Choose the procedure code based on the f-f time spent in session (or contact time on phone)**
- Supporting Documentation & Travel Time will be included in Total Time
- “Add-on+”, a new code for additional time spent in session (Crisis Therapy only)
- “Add-on+”, a code based on Intensity of Service Provided (Interactive Complexity) for Diag Eval, Ind & Group Psychotherapy & E/M with + add-on Psychotherapy)

## Choosing the non E/M Codes (Psychotherapy & Crisis): Based on F-F Time Spent in Session

- “A unit of time is attained when the mid-point of the time period is passed.” *CPT Manual 2013*
- **Always choose code on exact number of f-f minutes (for non f-f use, telephone, use client contact minutes).**

Procedure Code: Therapy	CPT Code	Typical Time Period (minutes)	Actual/F-F Time (minutes)
441	90832	30" Psychotherapy	16-37"
442	90834	45" Psychotherapy	38-52"
443	90837	60" Psychotherapy	53"-beyond
377	90839	60" Crisis Therapy	30-75"
+ 378	+ 90840	Each Additional 16 – 45" Crisis Therapy	16-45"

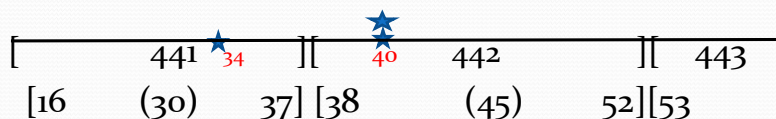
## Time Spent in Session: examples

1. 441-90832 Psychotherapy 16-37":

Actual F-F is 34 minutes.

2. 442-90834 Psychotherapy 38-52":

Actual F-F is 40 minutes.



## Claiming Face-to-Face Time and Total Time: Clinician's Gateway

Psychotherapy: 36" f-f time, 10" doc. time, and 20" travel time. Total time = 66". (1:06)

- Choose code based on f-f time (or contact time for telephone) and enter that amount of time for that code:
  - 441-90832 (Ind Psych 16-37 min.) enter: 36" in "Primary F-F Time"
- Total time. Enter: 66" (1:06) in: "Primary Clinician Time"

**Warning: To choose code based on total time would be considered Fraudulent by Medicare.**

PSYCHOTHERAPY FACE TO FACE TIME = 36" (:36)  
DOC/TRAVEL TIME = 30" (:30) TOTAL TIME = 66" (1:06)

The screenshot shows the 'Service Entry, Individual' form in the Clinician's Gateway. The form is for a client named CINDY TWO. The service is 'Psychotherapy 30 min' with code 441-90832. The service date is 2/15/2013. The primary clinician is SANDERS-PFEIFER, R. ANTHONY. The 'Primary Clinician Time' is entered as 01:06. The 'E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis' is entered as 0:36. The form also includes sections for allergies and instructions.



## Claiming Face-to-Face Time and Total Time: InSyst Direct Entry

Psychotherapy: 45" f-f time, 10" doc. time, and 20" travel time. Total time = 75".

- Choose code based on f-f time (if on the phone—base on contact time):
  - 442-90834 (Ind Psych 38-52 min.)
- Enter Total Time:
  - 75"
- **Warning: To choose code based on total time would be considered Fraudulent by Medicare.**

## Add-On Codes (+)

*Add-On (+) codes describe additional services provided within a service. They are added to select, primary codes and demonstrate an enhanced service.*

- *Added time increments (crisis therapy) Added service (interactive complexity or psychotherapy)*
- *Add-on (+) codes are never used as stand alone codes*
- *Add-on codes are designated by a + sign*

**Note:** In addition to Medicare, other Private Insurance Carriers may use these codes. Therefore, ALL clinicians need to code according to the service they are providing, not to the insurance of the client.



## Add-On Codes continued:

- Additional Time Spent: for Crisis Therapy—concept in general.
  - 377-90839 is used for the first 30-75”
  - 378-90840 is used for each additional 16-45”
  - When you go beyond a 377 and use a 378--the 377 is indicated as 60” and the balance moves down to 378.
  - If an additional 378 is needed the earlier 378 indicates 30” and the balance moves down to the next 378.
  - The final 378 includes the actual remaining minutes of f-f time.

## Crisis Code 377-90839 (Used Alone)

- **InSyst**
  - Crisis service lasting 45” f-f, 15” doc/travel
    - Based on f-f time choose code 377-90839 (30-75”)
    - Enter 60” (45” f-f + 15” doc/travel)
- **Clinician's Gateway**
  - Crisis service lasting 45” f-f, 15” doc/travel
    - Use code 377-90839 for the 45” f-f time.
      - Enter 45” into “Primary f-f Time”
      - Enter Total Time of 60” (1:00) (45” f-f + 15” doc/travel) into “Primary Clinician Time”
      - See screen shot
- **For < 30 minutes can not use Crisis Code (if appropriate use and chart to a different code, e.g. individual psychotherapy, E/M, etc.)**

CRISIS THERAPY FACE TO FACE TIME = 45" (:45)

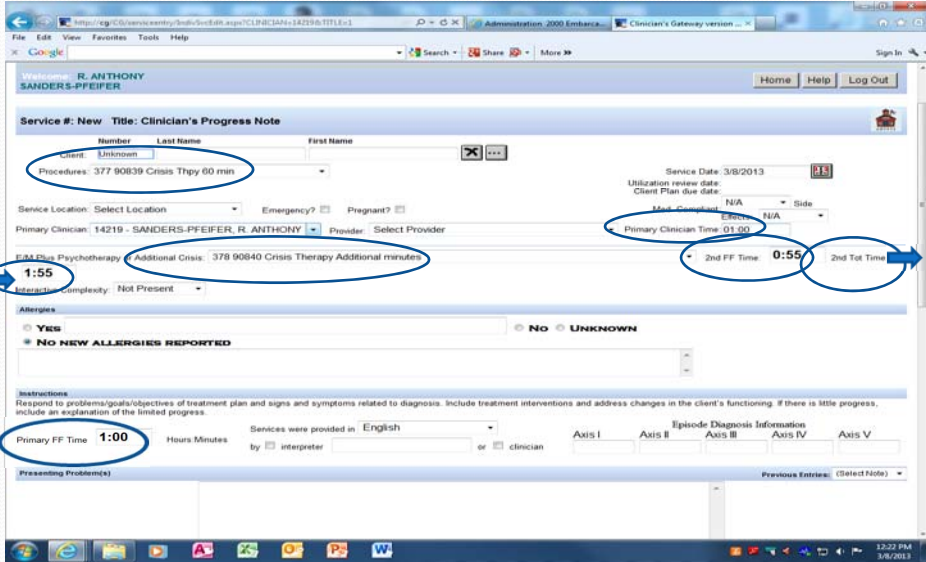
DOC/TRAVEL TIME = 15" (:15)

TOTAL TIME = 60" (1:00)

## Crisis Code 377-90839 + 378-90840

- **InSyst**
  - Crisis service: 115" F-F Time + 60" Travel/Doc Time = 175" Total Time
    - Select Code 377-90839 for the 1st 60" = 60" duration time
    - Select Code 378-90840 for next 30" = 30" duration time
    - Select Code 378-90840 for the add'l 25" = 85" duration time
      - Includes 25" F-F time + 60" Travel/Doc time
  - In paper chart, indicate:
    - "377-90839, +378-90840, +378-90840. F-F = 115", Total Time = 175"
    - OK to also indicate documentation and travel time.
- **Clinician's Gateway:**
  - Crisis service: 115" (1:55) F-F Time + 60" (1:00) Travel/Doc Time = 175" (2:55) Total Time
    - Select code 377-90839 and enter 60" (1:00) in "Primary FF Time" & 60" (1:00) into "Primary Clinician Time"
    - Select code 378-90840 and enter= 55 "in "Secondary FF Time" & 115 (1:55) into "Secondary Total Time" (55" remaining f-f + 60" doc/travel time).
    - See Screen Shot

CRISIS THERAPY FACE TO FACE TIME = 115" (1:55)  
 DOC/TRAVEL TIME = 60" (1:00) TOTAL TIME = 175" (2:55)



Service #: New Title: Clinician's Progress Note

Client: Unknown

Procedures: 377 90839 Crisis Thpy 60 min

Service Date: 3/8/2013

Primary Clinician: 14219 - SANDERS-PFEIFER, R. ANTHONY

Primary Clinician Time: 01:00

2nd FF Time: 0:55

2nd Tot Time

Primary FF Time: 1:00

Hours Minutes

Services were provided in: English

Axis I Axis II Axis III Axis IV Axis V

Presenting Problem(s)

## Add-On Code for Additional Service Provided: **Interactive Complexity**

Refers to specific communication factors *during* a visit that complicate delivery of the primary psychiatric procedure:

- Typical clients:
  - Have others legally responsible for their care, such as minors or adults with guardians
  - Request others to be involved in their care during the visit
  - Require the involvement of other third parties, such as child welfare agencies, parole or probation officers, or schools



## Add-On Code for Additional Service Provided: Interactive Complexity cont.

4 specific communication factors during a visit that complicate delivery of the primary psychiatric procedure:

1. The need to manage maladaptive communication (related to e.g., high anxiety, high reactivity, repeated questions, or disagreement) among participants that complicates delivery of care.
  - Vignette (reported with 442-90834, Psychotherapy 45 min)
    - *Psychotherapy for an older elementary school-aged child accompanied by divorced parents, reporting declining grades, temper outbursts, and bedtime difficulties. Parents are extremely anxious and repeatedly ask questions about the treatment process. Each parent continually challenges the other's observations of the client.*

## Add-On Code for Additional Service Provided: Interactive Complexity cont.

4 specific communication factors during a visit that complicate delivery of the primary psychiatric procedure:

2. Caregiver emotions or behaviors that interfere with implementation of the treatment plan
  - Vignette (reported with 441-90832, psychotherapy 30 min)
    - *Psychotherapy for young elementary school-aged child. During the parent portion of the visit, mother has difficulty refocusing from verbalizing her own job stress to grasp the recommended behavioral interventions for her child.*

### Add-On Code for Additional Service Provided: **Interactive Complexity cont.**

4 specific communication factors *during* a visit that complicate delivery of the primary psychiatric procedure:

3. Evidence or disclosure of a Sentinel Event and mandated reporting to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party (e.g., abuse or neglect with report to state agency) *with* initiation of discussion of the sentinel event and/or report with client and other visit participants
  - Vignette (reported with 565-90792, psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services)
    - *In the process of an evaluation, adolescent reports several episodes of sexual molestation by her older brother. The allegations are discussed with parents and report is made to state agency.*

### Add-On Code for Additional Service Provided: **Interactive Complexity cont.**

4 specific communication factors *during* a visit that complicate delivery of the primary psychiatric procedure:

4. Use of play equipment, physical devices, ~~interpreter or translator~~<sup>\*\*</sup> to overcome barriers to diagnostic or therapeutic interaction with a client who is not fluent in the same language or who has not developed or lost expressive or receptive language skills to use or understand typical language.
  - Vignette (reported with 456-90853, group psychotherapy)
    - *Group psychotherapy for a young child who requires play equipment to participate in the group therapeutic interaction*

**\*\*Per CMS, 491 should not be used to bill *solely* for translation or interpretation services as that may be a violation of federal statute.**

## Add-On (+) Procedure Code for Interactive Complexity (+491-90785)

Can only be used with these codes:

- 323-90791 & 565-90792 Psychiatric Diagnostic Eval.
- 441-90832, 442-90834, 443-90837 Psychotherapy
- E/M+465-90833, E/M+467-90836, E/M+468-90838 E/M with + Psychotherapy add-on
- 456-90853 Group Psychotherapy

*Cannot be used with Crisis Therapy, Family Therapy, or with other E/M codes when no psychotherapy was provided.*

## Interactive Complexity (+) 491-90785 Add-on in InSyst & CG

- Select primary procedure code and indicate minutes (into InSyst or Clinician's Gateway) as previously described.
- Select Interactive Complexity Add-on Code (no associated minutes).
  - InSyst, Select code 491-90785 and enter one (1) minute
  - Clinician's Gateway, Select "Interactive Complexity: Present"



## Interactive Complexity 491-90785 Add-on (+) in Clinician's Gateway (CG) EHR

The screenshot shows the Clinician's Gateway (CG) EHR interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Help', and 'Log Out'. The main content area displays a 'Service # 1267229 Title: Clinician's Progress Note' form. The form includes fields for 'Client' (Number, Last Name, First Name), 'Procedures' (442 90834 Psychotherapy 45 min), 'Service Date' (1/30/2013), 'Primary Location' (Office), 'Emergency?' (checkbox), 'Pregnant?' (checkbox), 'Primary Clinician' (7536 - Kilist, Kyree), 'Provider' (Select Provider), 'Med. Complaint' (N/A), 'Side Effects' (N/A), 'Primary Clinician Time' (0:45), and 'Time'. The 'E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis' dropdown menu is set to 'None'. The 'Allergies' section shows 'Yes N/A' and 'No UNKNOWN'. The 'Instructions' section contains text about responding to problems/goals/objectives of treatment plan and signs and symptoms related to diagnosis. The 'Face To Face Time' is 0:40. The 'Services were provided in' dropdown is set to 'English'. The 'Epiisode Diagnosis Information' section includes 'Axis I', 'Axis II', 'Axis III', 'Axis IV', and 'Axis V'. The 'Presenting Problem(s)' field is empty. The 'Previous Entries' dropdown is set to '(Select Note)'.

## Psychotherapy Add-on Codes to E/M

- Must be added on to an E/M code.
- Cannot bill for < 16 min Psychotherapy Add-on
- For Medical Providers only (MD, DO, CNS, NP, PA)
- + 441 + 90832 = Psychotherapy Additional 16-37"
- + 442 + 90834 = Psychotherapy Additional 38-52"
- + 443 + 90837 = Psychotherapy Additional 53" +

## Documenting Add-On (+) Codes

- Medicare/CMS requires that each add-on code is indicated in the chart note.
  - Example:
    - 377-90839 Crisis Therapy
    - +378-90840 Crisis Therapy add-on
    - +378-90840 Crisis Therapy add-on
- When documenting for an add-on code, be sure that the note content reflects the service and/or time frame of the add-on.

## Evaluation and Management (E/M) Codes

- Psychiatric services now may be reported with the same range of complexity and physician work as has long been available to all other medical specialties
  - Code starts with “99” and comprised of 5 digits
  - Used to report a medical service rendered during a client visit
  - The level of service is indicated by the last digit.
    - Level 1 is the least complex
    - Level 5 is greater complexity (outpatient) or Level 3 (inpatient)
  - Used by all physicians and (MD, DO) and other qualified health care professionals (APN, PA)
  - In addition, E/M codes typically pay more for the same service



## Medicare Payments

Code	Payment	Difference	% Increase
90862	\$58.54 (prev. 30")	Baseline	Baseline
99211	\$19.74 (1-7")		
99212	\$42.55 (8-12")		
99213	\$70.46 (13-20")	Additional \$11.92	20% Increase
99214	\$104.16 (21-32")	Additional \$45.62	78% Increase
99215	\$139.89 (33"+)		

## CPT E/M New client Definition—CBO's Only

- 545-549/99201-99205. A new client is one who has not received any professional services from
  - the medical provider or another medical provider of the same specialty or sub-specialty
  - who belongs to the same group practice (same Tax ID Number (TIN))
  - within the past three years.
  - Each ACBHCS Contracted Community Based Organization (all sites) is it's own group practice.
- ***New client Codes ONLY FOR CBO PROVIDERS—  
County Medical Providers use 565—90792  
Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation with  
Medical Component***

## CPT E/M Established client Definition

- 641,643-6/99211—99215. An established client is one who has received professional services from
  - the medical provider or another medical provider of the same specialty or sub-specialty\*
  - who belongs to the same group practice (same TIN),
    - **Either a specific CBO, or**
    - **any of the ACBHCS County Owned & Operated Clinics**
  - within the past 3 years

\*Psychiatric subspecialty's include: Child & Adolescent, Geriatric, Addiction, Forensic & Psychosomatic Medicine.

## Two Paths to E/M Selection

### • PATH ONE

- Basing the code on **Time**
  - Counseling and Coordination of Care are 50% or > of f-f time.
  - The only exception to this if you are using an add on psychotherapy code, you cannot use time as the basis of selecting the code for the E/M portion of the work.
  - **In the Community MH setting it is often found that the majority of E/M services include Counseling & Coordination of Care which is over 50% of f-f time.**

### • PATH TWO

- Basing the code on the **Elements**
  - History
  - Exam
  - Medical Decision Making

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coordination of Care

- **Time shall be the key controlling factor used for the selection of the Level of the E/M Service**
  - when counseling or coordination of care dominates the encounter more than 50 percent
    - Face-to-face time for office visits
    - Unit time for facility visits
  - **EXCEPT time cannot be the factor for selection of the level when done in conjunction with a psychotherapy visit.**

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

- Document:
  - Length of time of the encounter and of the time spent in counseling and coordination of care—see Progress Note example.
  - **AND the content of the counseling and/or coordination of care activities**

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

- **> 50% of the Time is Spent Discussing with the client, *or Family*, Any of the Following (Counseling):**
  - Prognosis
  - Test Results
  - Compliance/Adherence
  - Education
  - Risk Reduction
  - Instructions
- **The time & counseling activities must be thoroughly documented.**

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

### • Codes & Timeframes

NEW client VISIT TIME—CBO's		ESTABLISHED client VISIT TIME	
CODE	MINUTES	CODE	MINUTES
545-99201	10 (6 – 15")	641-99211	5 (3 – 7")
546-99202	20 (16 – 25")	643-99212	10 (8 – 12")
547-99203	30 (26 – 37")	644-99213	15 (13 – 20")
548-99204	45 (38 – 52")	645-99214	25 (21 – 32")
549-99205	60 (53" + )	646-99215	40 (33" + )



## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

- **Counseling:** Discussion with a client or the client's family concerning one or more of the following issues:
  - Diagnostic results, Prior studies, Need for further testing
  - Impressions
  - Clinical course, Prognosis
  - Treatment options, Medication Issues, Risks and benefits of management options
  - Instructions for management and/or follow-up
  - Importance of compliance with chosen management options
  - Risk factor reduction
  - Client education

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

- Although CPT considers "counseling" as separate and distinct from psychotherapy, psychiatrists typically include counseling (as defined by CPT) as part of their regular treatment.
- Many of the components of "Supportive Psychotherapy" may be considered as overlapping with "Counseling" (as defined by CPT).
  - *"From the clinician's objectives—to maintain or improve the client's self-esteem, to minimize or prevent recurrence of symptoms, and to maximize the client's adaptive capacities."\**
  - *"From the client's goals—to maintain or reestablish the best-possible level of functioning given the limitations of his or her personality, native ability, and life circumstances..."\**

\*An Introduction to Supportive Psychotherapy published by the American Psychiatry Press, Inc.

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

CPT Elements of Counseling	Corresponding Elements of Supportive Psychotherapy*
Diagnostic results, impressions, and/or recommended diagnostic studies	Advice and Teaching
Prognosis	Reassurance & Encouragement
Risks and benefits of management (treatment) options	Advice and Teaching, Rationalizing and Reframing
Instructions for management (treatment) and/or follow-up	Anticipatory Guidance, Reducing and Preventing Anxiety Naming the Problem Advice and Teaching
Importance of compliance with chosen management (treatment) options	Expanding the client's Awareness
Risk factor reduction	Naming the Problem Expanding the Client's Awareness Advice and Teaching

*\*Introduction to Supportive Psychotherapy, Amer. Psych. Press, Inc. 2004*

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care cont.

- **Coordination of care:**
  - Services provided by the medical provider responsible for the direct care of a client when he or she **coordinates or controls access to care or initiates or supervises other healthcare services** needed by the client.
  - outpatient **coordination of care must be provided face-to-face with the client.**
  - *Coordination of care with other providers or agencies without the client being present on that day is reported with the non face-face code 367.*

## Example of Counseling & Coordination of Care—Outpt.

- A client returns to a psychiatrist's office for a medication check.
- The encounter takes a total of 25 minutes, during which time more than 12.5 minutes is spent explaining to the client about how a newly prescribed medication works, how to establish a routine so that no doses will be missed, and the possible side-effects of the medication and what to do if they occur.
- The appropriate E/M code would be 645-99214 (office or outpatient service for an established client), based on the 25-minute time rather than on a detailed history and examination and moderately complex medical decision making that would be required to use this code if counseling and coordination had not taken up more than 50 percent of the time.
- The psychiatrist documents the extent of the counseling/coordination of care in the daily progress note.

## Medical Necessity—CMS

- The Center for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) defines medically necessary services as those that are
  - *“reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member”*
  - In short, services must be clinically appropriate for the client's condition

## General Principles of Documentation

- Complete and legible
- Include:
  - Reason for the encounter and relevant history, physical examination findings and prior diagnostic test results
  - Assessment, clinical impression or diagnosis
  - Plan for care
  - Date and legible identity of the observer
- Over

## General Principles of Documentation cont.

- Rationale for ordering ancillary services should be easily inferred
- Past and present diagnoses should be accessible
- Appropriate health risk factors should be identified
- Document the client's response to, changes in treatment, and revision of diagnosis
- The CPT and ICD-9-CM codes reported should be supported.



## General Audit Issues

- Upcoding
- Downcoding
- Meet E/M criteria
- Medical necessity
- Red flags
  - High use of highest level code
  - Exclusive use of one level code

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coord. of Care

- CMS: Most Frequently Missed Items in E/M Documentation:
  - Time Based Codes
    - In choosing a code based upon time for counseling and coordination of care, total time may be documented but there is not:
      - quantification that more than 50 percent of the time was spent on counseling and there is also
      - no documentation of what the coordination of care was or what the counseling was.

## Path 1: Choosing the E/M Code Based on Time: Counseling & Coordination of Care

AUDITOR'S WORKSHEET	Yes	No
Does documentation reveal total time (Face-to-face in outpatient setting; unit/floor in inpatient setting) and indicate > 50% of the total time was counseling and coordination of care services?		
Does documentation describe the content of counseling or coordinating care?		
Does documentation support that more than half of the total time was counseling or coordinating of care?		

## Path 2: Choosing the E/M Code Based on the Elements

- **History**
  - Chief Complain
  - History of Present Illness (HPI)
  - Past, Family and/or Social History (PFSH)
  - Review of Systems (ROS)
- **Exam**
  - Number of system/body areas examined
  - "Bullets" or elements completed within specific systems
- **Medical Decision Making**
  - Number of Diagnoses or Management Options
  - Amount and/or Complexity of Data to be Reviewed
  - Risk of Significant Complications, Morbidity, and/or Mortality

*Each line impacts kind of History, Exam, and MDM*

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<b>History</b>	<b>Chief Complaint (CC)</b>	<b>History of present illness (HPI)</b>	<b>Past, family, social history (PFSH)</b>	<b>Review of systems (ROS)</b>
	Reason for the visit	Location; Severity; Timing; Quality; Duration; Context; Modifying Factors; Associated signs and symptoms	Past medical; Family medical; Social	Constitutional; Eyes; Ears, Nose, Mouth, and Throat; Cardiovascular; Respiratory; Genitourinary; Musculoskeletal; Gastrointestinal; Skin/Breast; Neurological; Psychiatric; Endocrine; Hematologic/Lymphatic; Allergic/Immunologic
	<b>CC</b>	<b>HPI</b>	<b>PFSH</b>	<b>ROS</b>
	<b>History Type</b>			
	Yes	Brief (1-3 elements or 1-2 chronic conditions)  Extended (4 elements or 3 chronic conditions)	N/A  Pertinent (1 element) Complete (2 elements (est) or 3 elements (new/initial))	N/A Problem pertinent (1 system) Extended (2-9 systems) Complete (10-14 systems)

<b>Examination</b>	<b>System/body area</b>	<b>Examination</b>
	Constitutional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3/7 vital signs: sitting or standing BP, supine BP, pulse rate and regularity, respiration, temperature, height, weight</li> <li>General appearance</li> </ul>
	Musculoskeletal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Muscle strength and tone</li> <li>Gait and station</li> </ul>
	Psychiatric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speech</li> <li>Thought process</li> <li>Associations</li> <li>Abnormal/psychotic thoughts</li> <li>Judgment and insight</li> <li>Orientation</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent and remote memory</li> <li>Attention and concentration</li> <li>Language</li> <li>Fund of knowledge</li> <li>Mood and affect</li> </ul>

<b>Examination Elements</b>	<b>Examination type</b>
1-5 bullets	Problem focused (PF)
At least 6 bullets	Expanded problem focused (EPF)
At least 9 bullets	Detailed (DET)
All bullets in Constitutional and Psychiatric (shaded) boxes and 1 bullet in Musculoskeletal (unshaded) box	Comprehensive (COMP)

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<b>Medical Decision Making</b>	<b>Data Points</b>		<b>Points</b>
	Review and/or order of clinical lab tests		1
	Review and/or order of tests in the radiology section of CPT		1
	Review and/or order of tests in the medicine section of CPT		1
	Discussion of test results with performing physician		1
	Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient		1
	Review and summarization of old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider		2
	Independent visualization of image, tracing, or specimen itself (not simply review report)		2
	<b>Table of Risk</b>		
	<b>Level of Risk</b>	<b>Presenting Problem(s)</b>	<b>Diagnostic Procedure(s) Ordered</b>
Minimal	One self-limited or minor problem	Venipuncture; EKG; urinalysis	Rest
Low	Two or more self-limited or minor problems; One stable chronic illness; Acute uncomplicated illness	Arterial puncture	OTC drugs
Moderate	One or more chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progression, or side effects; Two or more stable chronic illnesses; Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; Acute illness with systemic symptoms		Prescription drug management
High	One or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects; Acute or chronic illnesses that pose a threat to life or bodily function		Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity

2/3 elements must be met or exceeded	<b>Problem Points</b>	<b>Data Points</b>	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Complexity of Medical Decision Making</b>
	0-1	0-1	Minimal	<i>Straightforward</i>
	2	2	Low	<i>Low</i>
	3	3	Moderate	<i>Moderate</i>
	4	4	High	<i>High</i>

<b>CPT Codes</b>	<b>New Patient Office</b> (requires 3 of 3)				<b>Established Patient Office</b> (requires 2 of 3)			
	<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>MDM</b>	<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>MDM</b>
	99201	PF	PF	Straightforward	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202	EPF	EPF	Straightforward	99212	PF	PF	Straightforward
	99203	DET	DET	Low	99213	EPF	EPF	Low
	99204	COMP	COMP	Moderate	99214	DET	DET	Moderate
	99205	COMP	COMP	High	99215	COMP	COMP	High
	<b>Initial Hospital/PHP</b> (requires 3 of 3)				<b>Subsequent Hospital/PHP</b> (requires 2 of 3)			
	<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>MDM</b>	<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>History</b>	<b>Exam</b>	<b>MDM</b>
	99221	DET	DET	Straightforward	99231	PF	PF	Straightforward
99222	COMP	COMP	Moderate	99232	EPF	EPF	Moderate	
99223	COMP	COMP	High	99233	DET	DET	High	





Evaluation and Management (E/M) Patient Examples			
99215	Office visit for an established adolescent patient with history of bipolar disorder treated with lithium; seen on urgent basis at family's request because of severe depressive symptoms.	Office visit for a 25-year-old male, established patient with a history of schizophrenia, who has been seen bi-monthly but is complaining of auditory hallucinations.	
HISTORY	CC 17-year-old male seen for urgent visit for depression. Visit attended by patient and parents; history obtained from all 3.	25-year-old male seen for follow up visit for schizophrenia. Visit attended by patient.	HISTORY: Comprehensive
	HPI Patient doing well until 2 days ago (timing) when, for no apparent reason (context), he refused to leave his bed and appeared extremely (severity) and continuously depressed (quality); he is sleeping more and eating little (associated signs and symptoms).	The patient reports doing well until 1 week ago (duration) when he stayed up all night to finish a term paper (context). He has slept poorly (severity) since (timing) and, 2 days ago, began hearing fairly continuous voices (quality) telling him that people plan to shoot him. Attention and organization were good up until this past week (associated signs and symptoms).	
	HPI scoring: 5 elements = Extended	HPI scoring: 6 elements = Extended	
	PFSH Stopped attending school; family history of suicide is noted from patient's initial evaluation	Doing well in third year of graduate school. Chart notes no family psychiatric history.	
EXAMINATION	PFSH scoring: Family and social (2 elements) = Complete	PFSH scoring: Family and social (2 elements) = Complete	EXAMINATION: Comprehensive
	ROS Psychiatric: no problems with anxiety or anger; Neurological: no headaches; All other systems reviewed and are negative.	Psychiatric: denies symptoms of depression or mania; Neurological: no headaches; All other systems reviewed and are negative.	
	ROS scoring: All systems = Complete	ROS scoring: All systems = Complete	
	Const VS: BP (sitting) 120/70, P 90 and regular, R 20; Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	VS: BP (sitting) 115/70, P 86 and regular, Hr 5'10", Wt 180 lbs; Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	MS Gait and station: normal	Gait and station: normal	MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: High Complexity
	Psych Speech: sparse and slow; Thought process: logical; Associations: intact; Thought content: hopelessness, thoughts of suicide, no HI or psychotic symptoms; Orientation: x 3; Attention and concentration: impaired; Mood and affect: depressed and constricted; Judgment and insight: poor; Fund of knowledge: good; Recent and remote memory: good; Language: able to repeat phrases	Speech: normal rate and tone; Thought process: logical; Associations: intact; Thought content: auditory hallucinations and paranoid ideation, no SI/Hi; Orientation: x 3; Attention and concentration: impaired; Mood and affect: euthymic and full and appropriate; Judgment and insight: good; Fund of knowledge: good; Recent and remote memory: good; Language: able to repeat phrases	
	Examination scoring: All elements of constitutional and psychiatric and 1 element of musculoskeletal = Comprehensive	Examination scoring: All elements of constitutional and psychiatric and 1 element of musculoskeletal = Comprehensive	
	Problem 1: Bipolar disorder Comment: Major relapse Plan: Continue current dose of Lithium for the moment	Problem 1: Psychosis Comment: Major relapse Plan: Increase dose of antipsychotic; write script; hold off on hospital admission as patient historically very adherent; return for visit in 1 day	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	Problem 2: Suicidality Comment: New Plan: Refer to hospital; confer with hospitalist once patient is admitted	Problem 2: Insomnia Comment: Sleep deprivation may have triggered the psychotic relapse Plan: Change to a more powerful hypnotic; write script	MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: High Complexity
	Problem 3: ADHD Comment: Appears stable Plan: Continue same dose of non-stimulant medication	Problem 3: ADHD Comment: Appears stable Plan: Continue same dose of non-stimulant medication	
	Problem scoring: 1 established problem, worsening (2); 1 new problem (3); total of 5 = Extensive	Problem scoring: 1 established problem, stable (1); 2 established problems, worsening (2 for each problem = 4); total of 5 = Extensive	
	Data scoring: Obtain history from other (2); total of 2 = Limited	Data scoring: None = Minimal	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	Risk scoring: Chronic illness with severe exacerbation; and illness that poses a threat to life = High	Risk scoring: Chronic illness with severe exacerbation = High	MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: High Complexity

## Path 2: Choosing the E/M Code Based on the Elements cont.

- Medical Providers should train by reading the CPT Manual (see additional training resources at conclusion of presentation) and by attending trainings such as these webinars:
  - [http://www.aacap.org/cs/business\\_of\\_practice/reimbursement\\_for\\_practitioners](http://www.aacap.org/cs/business_of_practice/reimbursement_for_practitioners)
  - <http://www.apaeducation.org/ihtml/application/student/interface.apa/index.htm>

## Medication Support: RN/LVN/Psych Tech only **(Not an add-on)**

### 369 Meds Management by RN/LVN/Psych Tech's Only

This procedure code was developed for RN's and LVN's who provide medication management but who can not bill Medicare. Medi-Cal billable only.

- This code should be used when doing medication injections and providing medication support
  - **Face-to-Face and Non Face-to-Face**
- The expectation is that time spent would be 15-30 minutes. If service is provided beyond 30 minutes, the documentation must support that level of service.

## Medication Support: Medical Providers (MD, DO, NP, PA, CNS) **(Not an add-on)**

- This procedure code was developed for non face-to-face, and therefore non billable to Medicare, Medication Services
  - 367—Medication Training and Support
  - Used ONLY for Non face-to-face services



## Elimination of AB3632 procedure codes

- Most AB 3632 procedure codes—**except for Day Rehab & Day Tx**—have been eliminated beginning with January 2013 dates of service.
- AB 3632/ERHMS now uses the same codes as everyone else—**except for Day Rehab & Day Tx**.
- All children in the ERMHS program must be identified in the ERMHS database maintained by BHCS Children's Specialized Services.

## Contact Us:

- For questions on coding, please contact Quality Assurance at (510)567- 8105
- If you feel that you are missing a procedure code that you are contracted for, that should be included in your RU, please call Provider Relations at (800) 878-1313.
- For Clinicians Gateway questions, Please contact IS at (510)567-8181.
- *For questions regarding your agency contract, please contact the Network Office at (510) 567-8296*

## Training Resources:

### The National Council Resource Page:

- [http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/cpt\\_codes](http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/cpt_codes)

### The APA Resource Page

- <http://www.psych.org/practice/managing-a-practice/cpt-changes-2013/current-procedural-terminology-cpt-code-changes-for-2013>

### The AMA

- <http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/physician-resources/solutions-managing-your-practice/coding-billing-insurance/cpt.page?>
- The AMA app: EM Quickref (android or apple)
- **AMA Webinar - Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services: [CPT® 2013 Changes - Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services](#)**. This one-hour program discusses the changes made in the Psychotherapy/Psychiatric Services coding section.

## Resources:

- *CPT Handbook for Psychiatrists*, American Psychiatric Press Inc., Third Edition, 2004
- American Psychiatric Association: <http://www.psych.org>
- American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatrists: [www.aacap.org](http://www.aacap.org)
- 1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNEdWebGuide/Downloads/97Docguidelines.pdf>
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare.html?redirect=/home/medicare.asp>



## Resources continued:

- AMA Code Book [www.amabookstore.com](http://www.amabookstore.com) or 1-800-621-8335
- National Council webpage dedicated to the CPT changes with resources such as:
  - 2012-2013 Crosswalk
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Free training resources
- *Compliance Watch*, new CPT series
  - [www.TheNationalCouncil.org/CS/Compliance\\_Watch\\_Newsletter](http://www.TheNationalCouncil.org/CS/Compliance_Watch_Newsletter)

## HOW TO USE THE TEMPLATES FOR PROGRESS NOTES FOR E/M CODES FOR COUNSELING AND/OR COORDINATION OF CARE

Each template includes the essential documentation required to be included in an inpatient and outpatient progress note when providing an E/M service when the primary service (more than 50% of the service time as defined below) involves counseling and/or coordination of care.

Please note that E/M codes and these templates should never be used when psychotherapy is provided. When psychotherapy is provided, the 908xx psychotherapy codes must be used.

When billing for an E/M service based upon counseling and/or coordination of care, it is imperative that the counseling and/or coordination of care be documented as follows:

- The actual duration of the service time must be included in the progress note. The templates include a specific section to enter the total time.
- For outpatient visits, only face to face time with the patient providing counseling and/or coordination of care constitutes the service time.
- For inpatient visits, the service time includes both face to face patient time and floor time providing counseling and/or coordination of care.
- In addition, a statement must be included in the progress note that: “Greater than 50% of patient face to time spent providing counseling and/or coordination of care” (for outpatient services) or “Greater than 50% of patient time and floor time spent providing counseling and/or coordination of care” (for inpatient services).
- The templates include a statement to be checked off confirming compliance with this requirement.
- The templates also include a place to insert the CPT code selected for the service provided.

The elements of the templates include:

**Interval History:** Include documentation of new history since last visit.

**Interval Psychiatric Assessment/Mental Status Examination:** Update mental status of patient and psychiatric assessment

**Current Diagnosis:** Note the current diagnoses.

**Diagnosis Update:** Note any changes in diagnosis after visit.

**Current Medication(s)/Medication Update:** Update medication and note any changes. A box is included to permit a check off to indicate that no side affects or adverse reactions were noted by the psychiatrist or reported by the patient. If there are side affects or adverse reactions noted or reported, include documentation.

**Counseling Provided:** Circle whether counseling was provided to patient, family and/or caregivers. Check off one or more focuses of counseling and include specific documentation of counseling topics that were checked off.

**Coordination of Care Provided:** Check off one or more individuals with whom coordination of care was provided and then include documentation of specific coordination of care activities checked off.

**Duration:** Insert total session time in minutes. Remember that for outpatient services, only face to face time with the patient may be counted for the total session time, but for inpatient services, the session time include both face to face time with the patient and floor time providing counseling and/or coordination of care.

**CPT Code:** Insert CPT code selected for service provided.

**Greater than 50%:** Check off when counseling and/or coordination of care exceeded 50% of total session time: patient face to face time for outpatient services and floor time plus patient face to face time for inpatient services) involves counseling and/or coordination of care.

**Justification for Continued Stay:** This section is only included in the inpatient note and is intended to comply with the requirements of the NYS Medicaid Program to document medical necessity for continued inpatient psychiatric hospitalization. Check off the appropriate justification/s for the continued stay and include specific documentation in the progress note (use the **Additional Documentation** section) for the justification/s selected. (NYSPA extends appreciation to Barry Perlman, M.D., St. Joseph's Hospital, Yonkers, New York, for this element of the inpatient progress note template.)

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**OUTPATIENT/OFFICE PSYCHIATRIC PROGRESS NOTE  
COUNSELING AND/OR COORDINATION OF CARE**

**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Visit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interval History:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Interval Psychiatric Assessment/ Mental Status Examination:**  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Current Diagnosis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis Update:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Medication(s)/Medication Change(s)** – No side effects or adverse reactions noted or reported ☐

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**Lab Tests:** Ordered ☐ Reviewed ☐ : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Counseling Provided with Patient / Family / Caregiver (circle as appropriate and check off each counseling topic discussed and describe below:**

☐ Diagnostic results/impressions and/or recommended studies

☐ Risks and benefits of treatment options

☐ Instruction for management/treatment and/or follow-up options

☐ Importance of compliance with chosen treatment

☐ Risk Factor Reduction

☐ Patient/Family/Caregiver Education

☐ Prognosis

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**Coordination of care provided (with patient present) with (check off as appropriate and describe below):**

Coordination with: ☐ Nursing ☐ Residential Staff ☐ Social Work ☐ Physician/s ☐ Family ☐ Caregiver

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**Additional Documentation (if needed):** \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Duration of face to face visit w/patient :** \_\_\_\_\_ min. **Start Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **Stop Time** \_\_\_\_\_ **CPT** \_\_\_\_\_

**Greater than 50% of face to face time spent providing counseling and/or coordination of care:** ☐



**INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC PROGRESS NOTE  
COUNSELING AND/OR COORDINATION OF CARE**

**Patient's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Visit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interval History:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interval Psychiatric Assessment/ Mental Status Examination:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Diagnosis:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Diagnosis Update:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Medication(s)/Medication Change(s)** – No side effects or adverse reactions noted or reported ☐

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**Lab Tests:** Ordered ☐ Reviewed ☐ : \_\_\_\_\_

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**Counseling Provided with Patient / Family / Caregiver (circle as appropriate and check off each counseling topic discussed and describe below:**

☐ Diagnostic results/impressions and/or recommended studies

☐ Risks and benefits of treatment options

☐ Instruction for management/treatment and/or follow-up

☐ Importance of compliance with chosen treatment options

☐ Risk Factor Reduction

☐ Patient/Family/Caregiver Education

☐ Prognosis

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**Coordination of care provided with (check off as appropriate and describe below):**

Coordination with: ☐ Nursing Staff ☐ Treatment Team ☐ Social Work ☐ Physician/s ☐ Family ☐ Caregiver

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**Additional Documentation (if needed):** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Duration of face to face visit with patient and floor time (in minutes):** \_\_\_\_\_ **CPT Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Greater than 50% of patient time and floor time spent providing counseling and/or coordination of care:** ☐

**Justification for Continued Stay (record must include documentation to support justification for continued stay):**

☐ A. Continued danger to self and/or others.

☐ B. Continued behavior intolerable to patient or society.

☐ C. High probability of A or B recurring if patient were to be discharged, and imminent re-hospitalization likely.

☐ D. Recovery depends on use of modality, but patient unwilling or unable to cooperate.

☐ E. Major change of clinical conditions required extended treatment.

☐ F. Has a general medical condition (other than mental disorder) requiring hospital care and due to psychological aspects, patient cannot be managed as well on non-psychiatric unit.

☐ ALC

## InSyst Procedure Codes

Crosswalk: Old Codes to New Codes																
Old Codes Prior to 1/1/2013			Codes Effective 1/1/2013				Credentials Approved for Each Code									
OLD InSyst Proc Code	OLD CPT Code Medicare	OLD CPT Code Description	NEW InSyst Procedure Codes	NEW CPT Code Medicare/ INS	NEW CPT Code Description	Face to Face Time	MD DO	Lic PhD / PsyD	CNS NP PA	LCSW	LMFT	Intern (Waiv. Reg.)	RHB Couns (MHRS)	Unlic (Adjunct)	RN LVN	
321		Evaluation	324	96151	Behavioral Eval (CFE or approved equivalent)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
331/433/464	90801/90802	Assessment	323	90791	Psychiatric Diag Eval (Assessment)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
			565	90792	Psych Diag Eval w Medical (Assessment)		X		X							
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
351/457	90853/90857	Group Therapy	456	90853	GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY		X	X	X	X	X	X				
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
371		Crisis Intervention	377	90839	Crisis Therapy 60 min (aka Crisis Svcs)	30-75	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
			(+) 378	90840	+ Crisis Therapy ADD 30 min (aka Crisis Svcs)	16-45										
341/444/447	90804/90810	Indiv Psy 20-30 min	441	90832	Psychotherapy 30 min	16-37	X	X	X	X	X	X				
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
341/445/448	90806/90812	INDV PSYCH 45-50 MIN	442	90834	Psychotherapy 45 min	38-52	X	X	X	X	X	X				
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
341/446/450	90808/90814	INDV PSYCH 75-80 MIN	443	90837	Psychotherapy 60 min	53 >	X	X	X	X	X	X				
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
463	90805	IND PSY W E&M 20-25 MIN	E/M (+) 465	90833	+ PsyThpy with E/M 30 min	16-37	X		X							
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
464	90807	IND PSY W E&M 45-50 MIN	E/M (+) 467	90836	+ PsyThpy with E/M 45 min	38-52	X		X							
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
466	90809	IND PSY W E&M 75-80 MIN	E/M (+) 468	90838	+ PsyThpy with E/M 60 min	53 >	X		X							
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--										
318		Collateral Family Therapy	413	90846	FAMILY PSYCH WO PATIENT		X	X	X	X	X	X				
			449	90847	FAMILY PSYCH W PATIENT		X	X	X	X	X	X				
New Codes Not in Crosswalk																
			369	--	Meds Mgmt by RN LVN & PT (f-f & non f-f)										X	
			367	--	Non Face to Face Medication Trng & Support		X		X							

<i>Unchanged Codes</i>															
<i>Unchanged Codes Prior to 1/1/2013</i>			<i>Unchanged Codes Effective 1/1/2013</i>				<i>Credentials Approved for Each Code</i>								
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121		PHF Contract Day	121		PHF Contract Day										
141		Crisis Residential Day	141		Crisis Residential Day										
165		Adult Residential Day	165		Adult Residential Day										

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221		Crisis Stabilization	221		Crisis Stabilization										
281		Day Care Intens Half Day	281		Day Care Intens Half Day										
282		Day Care Intens AB3632 Half	282		Day Care Intens AB3632 Half										
285		Day Care Intens Full Day	285		Day Care Intens Full Day										
286		Day Care Intens Full-AB3632	286		Day Care Intens Full-AB3632										
291		Day Care Rehab Half Day	291		Day Care Rehab Half Day										
292		Day Care Rehab Half-AB3632	292		Day Care Rehab Half-AB3632										
295		Day Care Rehab Full Day	295		Day Care Rehab Full Day										
296		Day Care Rehab Full-AB3632	296		Day Care Rehab Full-AB3632										
311		Collateral	311		Collateral		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
381	H2017	Individual Rehabilitation	381		Individual Rehabilitation		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
391	H2017	Group Rehabilitation	391		Group Rehabilitation		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
455	90849	90849 MULTI FAMILY GRP PSYCH	455	90849	90849 MULTI FAMILY GRP PSYCH		X	X	X	X	X	X			
456	90853	90853 GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY	456	90853	90853 GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY		X	X	X	X	X	X			
			(+) 491	90785	+ INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY	--									
581		Plan Development	581		Plan Development		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
571		Brokerage Services	571		Brokerage Services		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
413	90846	90846 FAMILY PSYCH WO PATIENT	413	90846	90846 FAMILY PSYCH WO PATIENT		X	X	X	X	X	X			
449	90847	90847 FAMILY PSYCH W PATIENT	449	90847	90847 FAMILY PSYCH W PATIENT		X	X	X	X	X	X			
415	96101	96101 PSYCH TESTING	415	96101	96101 PSYCH TESTING		X	X	X	X	X	X			
417	96118	96118 NEUROPSYCH TESTING	417	96118	96118 NEUROPSYCH TESTING		X	X	X						
535	96111	96111 EXT DEV TEST INTERP RPT	535	96111	96111 EXT DEV TEST INTERP RPT		X	X	X						
498		Therapeutic Behavioral Svcs	498		Therapeutic Behavioral Svcs		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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367	H0034	Med Trng & Support (non f-f)	367	H0034	Med Trng & Support (non f-f)		X		X							
545	99201	99201 E/M NEW OFC SIMPLE 10 MIN	545	99201	99201 E/M NEW OFC SIMPLE 10 min	1-15	X		X							
546	99202	99202 E/M NEW OFC EXP 20 MIN	546	99202	99202 E/M NEW OFC EXP 20 min	16-25	X		X							
547	99203	99203 E/M NEW OFC DETAIL 30 MIN	547	99203	99203 E/M NEW OFC DETAIL 30 min	26-37	X		X							
548	99204	99204 E/M NEW OFC COMPRE 45 MIN	548	99204	99204 E/M NEW OFC COMPRE 45 min	38-52	X		X							
549	99205	99205 E/M NEW OFC COM 60 min	549	99205	99205 E/M NEW OFC COMPLEX 60 min	53 >	X		X							
641	99211	99211 E/M EST OP SIMPLE 5MIN	641	99211	99211 E/M EST OP SIMPLE 5 min	1-7	X		X							
643	99212	99212 E/M EST OP PROBFOCUS 10MIN	643	99212	99212 E/M EST OP PROBFOCUS 10 min	8-12	X		X							
644	99213	99213 E/M EST OP EXPANDED 15MIN	644	99213	99213 E/M EST OP EXPANDED 15 min	13-20	X		X							
645	99214	99214 E/M EST OP MOD COMPL 25M	645	99214	99214 E/M EST OP MOD COMPL 25 min	21-32	X		X							
646	99215	99215 E/M EST OP HIGHCOMPL 40M	646	99215	99215 E/M EST OP HIGHCOMPL 40 min	33 >	X		X							

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Eliminated Codes																
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469	90862	90862 MEDICATION MANAGEMENT	USE E/M				X		X							
564	M0064	M0064 BRIEF MEDS MGT <15 MIN	USE E/M				X		X							
361		Medication Support	MD F-F USE E/M				X		X							
			MD NON F-F 367				X		X							
			RN/LVN 369											X		
312		Collateral - AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
319		Col Family Therapy AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
322		Evaluation - Ab3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
332		Assessment - AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
342		Individual Therapy AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
352		Group Therapy AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
362		Medication Support AB3632	MD F-F USE E/M				X		X							
			MD NON F-F 367				X		X							
			RN/LVN 369											X		
372		Crisis Intervention-AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
382		Individual Rehab - AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
392		Group Rehab - AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
572		Brokerage Svs-AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													
582		Plan Development - AB3632	NON AB3632 CODE													



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121		H2013	PHF Contract Day			20 - 29									
141		H0018	Crisis Residential Day			40 - 49									
165		H0019	Adult Residential Day			65 - 79									
221		S9484	Crisis Stabilization			20 - 24	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
281		H2012	Day Care Intens Half Day			81 - 84									
282		H2012	Day Care Intens AB3632 Half			81 - 84									
285		H2012	Day Care Intens Full Day			85 - 89									
286		H2012	Day Care Intens Full-AB3632			85 - 89									
291		H2012	Day Care Rehab Half Day			91									
292		H2012	Day Care Rehab Half-AB3632			91									
295		H2012	Day Care Rehab Full Day			95									
296		H2012	Day Care Rehab Full-AB3632			95									
571		T1017	Brokerage Services			01-08	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
581		H0032	Plan Development			30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
323	90791	H2015	90791 Psychiatric Diag Eval (Init Assmnt)			30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
565	90792	H2010	90792 Psych Diag Eval w/medical			60	X		X						
324	96151	H2015	96151 Behavioral Eval (CFE)			30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
441	90832	H2015	90832 Psychotherapy 30 min		16-37	40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
465	90833	H2010	90833 + PsyThpy with E/M 30 min	X	16-37	60	X		X						
442	90834	H2015	90834 Psychotherapy 45 min		38-52	40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
467	90836	H2010	90836 + PsyThpy with E/M 45 min	X	38-52	60	X		X						
443	90837	H2015	90837 Psychotherapy 60 min		53 >	40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
468	90838	H2010	90838 + PsyThpy with E/M 60 min	X	53 >	60	X		X						
545	99201*	H2010	99201 E/M NEW OFC SIMPLE 10 MIN	X	1-15	60	X		X						
546	99202*	H2010	99202 E/M NEW OFC EXP 20 MIN	X	16-25	60	X		X						
547	99203*	H2010	99203 E/M NEW OFC DETAIL 30 MIN	X	26-37	60	X		X						
548	99204*	H2010	99204 E/M NEW OFC COMPRE 45 MIN	X	38-52	60	X		X						
549	99205*	H2010	99205 E/M NEW OFC COMPLEX 60MIN	X	53 >	60	X		X						

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641	99211	H2010	99211 E/M EST OP SIMPLE 5MIN	X	1-7	60	X		X						
643	99212	H2010	99212 E/M EST OP PROBFOCUS 10MIN	X	8-12	60	X		X						
644	99213	H2010	99213 E/M EST OP EXPANDED 15MIN	X	13-20	60	X		X						
645	99214	H2010	99214 E/M EST OP MOD COMPL 25M	X	21-32	60	X		X						
646	99215	H2010	99215 E/M EST OP HIGHCOMPL 40M	X	33 >	60	X		X						
381	H2017**	H2017	Individual Rehabilitation			40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
391	H2017**	H2017	Group Rehabilitation			50	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>377</b>	90839**	H2011	90839 Crisis Thpy 60 min		30-75	70	X	X	X	X	X	X			
<b>378</b>	90840**	H2011	90840 + Crisis Thpy ADD 30 min		16-45	70	X	X	X	X	X	X			
311		H2015	Collateral			10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
413	90846	H2015	90846 FAMILY PSYCH WO PATIENT			10	X	X	X	X	X	X			
449	90847	H2015	90847 FAMILY PSYCH W PATIENT			40	X	X	X	X	X	X			
455	90849	H2015	90849 MULTI FAMILY GRP PSYCH			50	X	X	X	X	X	X			
456	90853	H2015	90853 GROUP PSYCHOTHERAPY			50	X	X	X	X	X	X			
367	H0034**	H0034	Medication Training & Support (non face/face)			60	X		X						
<b>369</b>	H2010**	H2010	Meds Mgmt by RN LVN Only			60									X
<b>491</b>	90785	H2015	90785 + INTERACTIVE COMPLEXITY			30	X	X	X	X	X	X			
415	96101	H2015	96101 PSYCH TESTING			30	X	X	X	X	X	X			
535	96111	H2015	96111 EXT DEV TEST INTERP RPT			30	X	X	X						
417	96118	H2015	96118 NEUROPSYCH TESTING			30	X	X	X						
498		H2019	Therapeutic Behavioral Svcs			58	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**BOLD = NEW JANUARY 2013**

\*restricted to 1 every 3yrs

\*\* not billable to Medicare

+ Add-On Code may not be used alone

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# Psychiatric Services 2012 to 2013 Crosswalk

2012			2013		
Service	CPT Code	2013 Status	Service	CPT Code	Report with interactive complexity (+90785)
Diagnostic					
Diagnostic interview examination	90801	DELETED	Diagnostic evaluation (no medical)	90791	When appropriate
			Diagnostic evaluation with medical	90792	
Interactive diagnostic interview examination	90802	DELETED	Diagnostic evaluation (no medical)	90791	Yes
			Diagnostic evaluation with medical	90792	
Psychotherapy					
Individual psychotherapy 20-30 min	90804, 90816	DELETED	Psychotherapy 30 (16-37*) min	90832	When appropriate
45-50 min	90806, 90818		45 (38-52*) min	90834	
75-80 min	90808, 90821		60 (53+*) min	90837	
Interactive individual psychotherapy 20-30 min	90810, 90823	DELETED	30 (16-37*) min	90832	Yes
45-50 min	90812, 90826		45 (38-52*) min	90834	
75-80 min	90814, 90828		60 (53+*) min	90837	
Psychotherapy with E/M (there is no one-to-one correspondence)					
Individual psychotherapy with E/M, 20-30 min	90805, 90817	DELETED	E/M plus psychotherapy add-on	E/M code (selected using key components, <i>not</i> time) and one of:	When appropriate
45-50 min	90807, 90819				
75-80 min	90809, 90822				
Interactive individual psychotherapy with E/M 20-30 min	90811, 90824	DELETED		+90833 30 (16-37*) min	Yes
45-50 min	90813, 90827			+90836 45 (38-52*) min	
75-80 min	90815, 90829			+90838 60 (53+*) min	
Other Psychotherapy					
(None)			Psychotherapy for crisis	90839, +90840	No
Family psychotherapy	90846, 90847, 90849	RETAINED	Family psychotherapy	90846, 90847, 90849	No
Group psychotherapy	90853	RETAINED	Group psychotherapy	90853	When appropriate
Interactive group psychotherapy	90857	DELETED			Yes
Other Psychiatric Services					
Pharmacologic management	90862	DELETED	E/M	E/M code	No

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# Interactive Complexity

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## Definition

A new concept in 2013, interactive complexity refers to 4 specific communication factors *during* a visit that complicate delivery of the primary psychiatric procedure. Report with CPT add-on code **90785**.

## Typical Patients

Interactive complexity is often present with patients who:

- Have other individuals legally responsible for their care, such as minors or adults with guardians, or
- Request others to be involved in their care during the visit, such as adults accompanied by one or more participating family members or interpreter or language translator, or
- Require the involvement of other third parties, such as child welfare agencies, parole or probation officers, or schools.

Interactive complexity is commonly present during visits by children and adolescents, but may apply to visits by adults, as well.

## Code Type

Add-on codes may be reported in conjunction with specified "primary procedure" codes. Add-on codes may never be reported alone.

## Replaces

Codes for interactive diagnostic interview examination, interactive individual psychotherapy, and interactive group psychotherapy are deleted.

## Use in Conjunction With

The following psychiatric "primary procedures":

- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation, 90791, 90792
- Psychotherapy, 90832, 90834, 90837
- Psychotherapy add-on codes, 90833, 90836, 90838, when reported with E/M
- Group psychotherapy, 90853

When performed with psychotherapy, the interactive complexity component (90785) relates only to the increased work *intensity* of the psychotherapy service, and does not change the *time* for the psychotherapy service.

## May Not Report With

- Psychotherapy for crisis (90839, 90840)
- E/M *alone*, i.e., E/M service *not* reported in conjunction with a psychotherapy add-on service
- Family psychotherapy (90846, 990847, 90849)

## Report 90785

**When at least one of the following communication factors is present during the visit:**

1. The need to manage maladaptive communication (related to, e.g., high anxiety, high reactivity, repeated questions, or disagreement) among participants that complicates delivery of care.
2. Caregiver emotions or behaviors that interfere with implementation of the treatment plan.
3. Evidence or disclosure of a sentinel event and mandated report to a third party (e.g., abuse or neglect with report to state agency) with initiation of discussion of the sentinel event and/or report with patient and other visit participants.
4. Use of play equipment, physical devices, ~~interpreter or translator~~ to overcome barriers to diagnostic or therapeutic interaction with a patient who is not fluent in the same language or who has not developed or lost expressive or receptive language skills to use or understand typical language.

Per the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), "90785 generally should not be billed solely for the purpose of translation or interpretation services" as that may be a violation of federal statute.

## Complicating Communication Factor Must Be Present *During* the Visit

The following examples are **NOT** interactive complexity:

- Multiple participants in the visit with straightforward communication
- Patient attends visit individually with no sentinel event or language barriers
- Treatment plan explained during the visit and understood without significant interference by caretaker emotions or behaviors



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February 2013

SERVICE ACTIVITY	LICENSED LPHA: <i>Clinical Psychologist (PHD/PSYD), LCSW, LMFT,</i>	Medication Prescribers: MD, DO, NP, CNS, PA	Registered Nurses	UNLICENSED LPHA: <b>(Intern**)</b> Waivered Psychologist, MFT-I, ASW,	GRADUATE STUDENT / TRAINEE: <b>(Intern**)</b> <i>Students in MH programs: MSW, MA, MS, PHD/PSYD</i>	MHRS <b>(RHB Counselor**)</b> <i>AA + 6 yrs., BA + 4 yrs., or MA/MS/PHD/ PSYD—in MH or related field but not waived or registered. Co-sig's recommended.</i>	ADJUNCT STAFF <b>(Unlic worker**)</b> <i>Program documents qualifications, requires supervision and staff works within scope. Co-sig's recommended.</i>
Assessment	Yes	Yes	No	Yes ^	Yes # *	No = +	No = +
Evaluation (CFE related only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes # *	Yes = ~	Yes = ~
Plan Development	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes *	Yes = *	Yes = *
Individual Rehab	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes *	Yes = ~	Yes = ~
Therapy (Ind / Family)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes *	No	No
Group Therapy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes *	No	No
Group Rehab	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes *	Yes = ~	Yes = ~
Collateral	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes *	Yes = ~	Yes = ~
Medication Services E/M	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Psychological Testing	Yes =	Yes =	No	Yes =	Yes=*	No	No
Crisis Therapy (Crisis Svcs)	Yes	Yes	Yes=	Yes =	Yes=*	Yes = ~	Yes = ~
Case Management Brokerage/Linkage	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes = ~	Yes = ~
Medication Services RN Only	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No

\* Requires co-signature by licensed LPHA.

# Cannot provide Dx—report source (including if referral source).

^ Diagnosis may be made but must be co-signed by licensed LPHA.

+ May bill for Assessment—but can only gather and provide assess info.

~ Licensed co-signatures not required—but recommended.

= If within scope of practice and with appropriate training & experience.

\*\*Designation indicates the category on the Staff Master.

## ***CLINICIAN'S GATEWAY*** ***(CPT Codes 2013 : Add-on Codes and Time)***

Procedure codes now exist that are designed to be used in sets, as opposed to a single code per service. Please refer to charting documentation for coding guidelines. Total and Face-to Face times are now recorded for each code.

1. When writing a progress note in Clinician's Gateway, first choose the Primary code and enter the total time spent on that activity in the Primary Clinician Time field.

This screenshot shows the top section of the Clinician's Gateway form. A yellow callout box points to the 'Procedures' dropdown menu, which currently shows '377 90839 Crisis Thpy 60 min'. The callout text reads: 'Choose Primary Procedure code. Enter TOTAL time for Primary code activity.' Other fields visible include Client (75087772 TEST), First Name (CINDYTWO), Service Date (3/8/2007), and Primary Clinician Time (0:00).

2. Enter the Face-to-Face time in the Primary FF Time field below the “Instructions” line.

This screenshot shows the 'Instructions' section of the form. A yellow callout box points to the 'Primary FF Time' field, which is currently empty. The callout text reads: 'Enter Face-to-Face time for the Primary Procedure Code'. The field is labeled 'Hours:Minutes'.

3. Enter the Secondary add-on code and the times spent on that activity in the “E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis” fields. (psychotherapy time or additional crisis time) Enter times into both the 2<sup>nd</sup> Face-to-Face and Total time fields.

This screenshot shows the bottom section of the form. A yellow callout box points to the 'E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis' dropdown menu, which currently shows '378 90840 Crisis Therapy Additional minutes'. The callout text reads: 'Choose the Secondary code. Enter its corresponding Face-to-Face and Total Times.' Other fields visible include Service Date (3/8/2007), Client Plan due date (11/28/2011), and 2nd FF Time (0:00).

This screenshot shows the dropdown menu for the 'E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis' field. A yellow callout box points to the list of codes, which includes '465 90833 Psychotherapy 30 minutes with patient/family member when performed with E/M service', '467 90836 Psychotherapy 45 minutes with patient/family member when performed with E/M service', '468 90838 Psychotherapy 60 minutes with patient/family member when performed with E/M service', and '378 90840 Crisis Therapy Additional minutes'. Another yellow callout box points to the '2nd FF Time' and '2nd Tot Time' fields, with the text: 'Enter Face-to-Face and Total Times Spent'.

- Some Procedures allow coding to indicate Interactive Complexity (no time recorded).

E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis: 468 90838 Psychotherapy 60 minutes with patient/family member when performed with E/M service

Interactive Complexity: **90785 Present**

- Both secondary and Primary Clinician Time will be transferred to InSyst for billing.

Number: 75087772, Last Name: TEST, First Name: CINDYTWO

Procedures: 377 90839 Crisis Thpy 60 min

Service Location: Select Location, Emergency? ☐ Pregnant? ☐

Primary Clinician: 10904 - Peterson, Camille E, Provider: 9999CG - CLINICIAN GATEWAY TEST MHS AD, Primary Clinician Time: 1:00

E/M Plus Psychotherapy or Additional Crisis: 378 90840 Crisis Therapy Additional minutes

Interactive Complexity: **Not Present**

Primary Total time will be transferred to the Staff Log and to InSyst

Secondary Total time will be transferred into InSyst but **NOT** onto the Daily Approval or the Staff Log at this time. Write secondary time on a separate paper staff log stapled to the Daily Staff Log. Add the times together before writing final indirect admin time notes.

2nd FF Time: 0:20, 2nd Tot Time: 2:45

- Only Primary Clinician Time is reported on the Daily Approval and Daily Staff Log at this time. In the future, secondary time will be included.

▼ Daily Approval Service Date: 2/7/2013 Search

Srv. #	Date	Type	Client #	Client Name	Reporting Unit	Procedure	Status	Approve	Time	# In Group	Approve Time
1277585	2/7/2013	Indiv.	75135386	TESTCASE DAVE	9999CG CLINICIAN GATEWAY TEST MHS AD	442 90834 Psychotherapy 45 min	PENDING	Pending	00:50	1	00:50
1276867	2/7/2013	Indiv.	75087772	TEST CINDYTWO	9999CG CLINICIAN GATEWAY TEST MHS AD	377 90839 Crisis Thpy 60 min	PENDING	Pending	01:00	1	01:00

Primary Code Time only included 2 service records on 2/7/2013 for a total time of 01:50. Approve Time

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## Individual Staff Log

Service Date: 10/26/2012

Svc #	Type	RU	Client #	Client Name	Procedure	Time	Grp Ct	Loc	Rec.	Flags
1182862	Indirect	01028 BACS MHS ADULT SERVICE TEAM			519 Inform At-Risk About MH Svs	03:00	1	School	05	
1182149	Indiv.	9999CG CLINICIAN GATEWAY TEST MHS AD	75087772	TEST CINDYTWO	331 Assessment	00:30	1			76
1182148	Indiv.	9999CG CLINICIAN GATEWAY TEST MHS AD	75087772	TEST CINDYTWO	331 Assessment	00:30	1			

3 service records on 10/26/2012 for a total time of 04:00

I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury, that the information contained in this document is accurate and free from fraudulent claiming.

7. **To account for your time currently:**

- Record the time spent doing the secondary activity on a separate old-style manual paper staff log.
- Add the times from the 2 logs together to check your daily total time.
- Add indirect/MAA services as appropriate in Clinician's Gateway.
- Staple the manual paper staff log to the Clinician's Gateway generated staff log.

In the future, Clinician's Gateway will transfer both Primary and Secondary code times to the Daily Approval and Daily Staff Log, calculating the totals again for you. Thank you for your patience as we work through all of the programming changes required due to the new CPT coding structure.

Image of ACBHCS Staff Log form:

<b>ALAMEDA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE - MENTAL HEALTH</b>											
INDIVIDUAL STAFF LOG											
REPORTING UNIT #: [REDACTED]			CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION California W&I Code Section 5328				STAFF NAME: [REDACTED]				
DATE OF SERVICE [REDACTED]								STAFF #: [REDACTED]			

RU	Client Number	Client Name (Last, First)	Proc. Code	TIME			CO-STAFF		Recipient	Next Appt
				HRS:MIN	Grp Ct	Loc*	Co-Staff Number	HRS:MIN		
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				[REDACTED]						
Enter other staff time already entered in PSP from Staff Appointment Roster				→ [REDACTED]	*1=Office, 2=Field, 3=Phone, 4=Home, 5=School Satellite, 6=Satellite					
Enter other staff time already entered in PSP from Group Attendance Roster or Day Svcs Log				→ [REDACTED]						
Enter your Co-Staff time already entered in PSP from Primary Staff Log				→ [REDACTED]						
<b>TOTAL PAID TIME</b>				[REDACTED]						

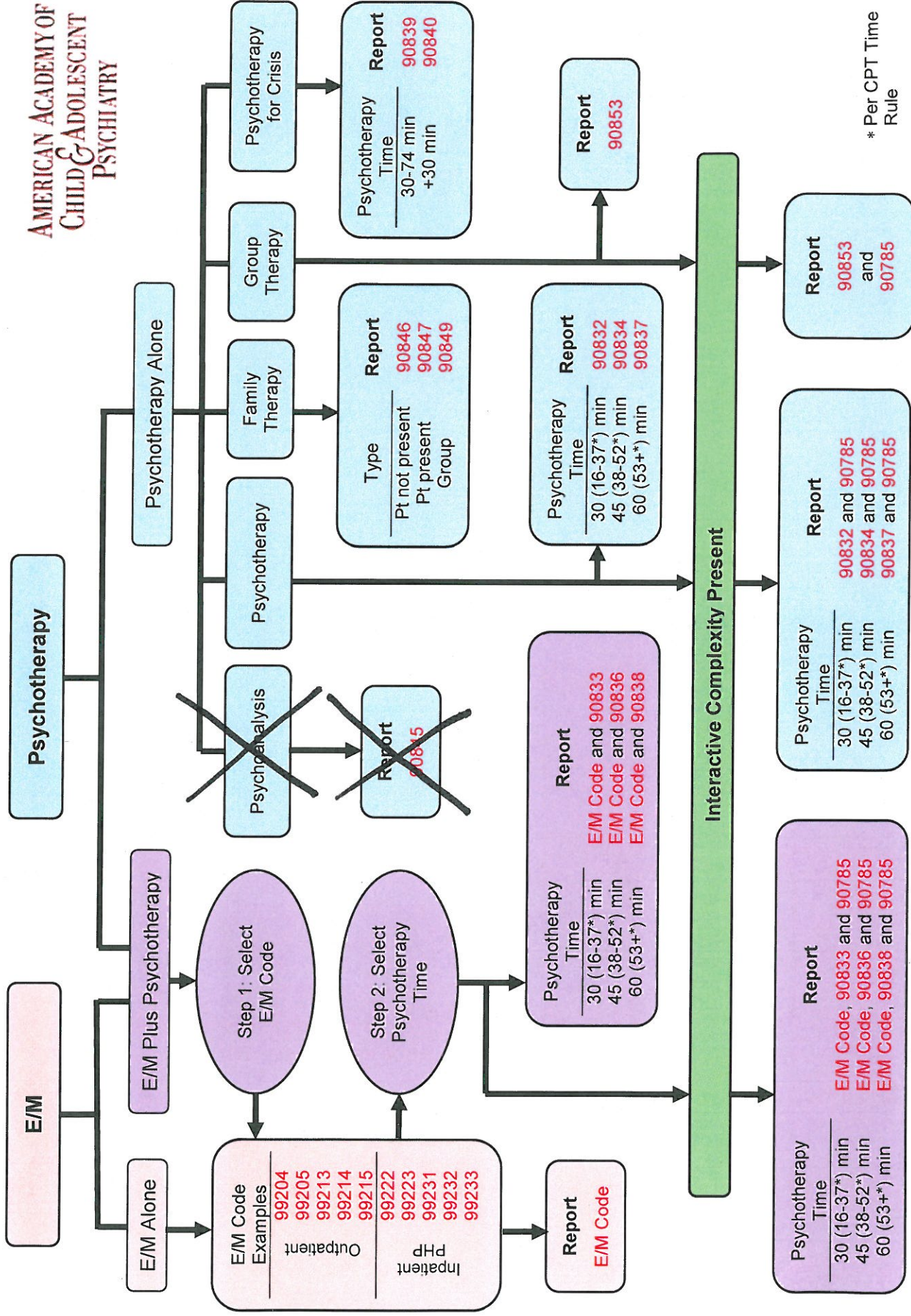
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# E/M and Psychotherapy Coding Algorithm

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# Evaluation and Management Services Guide

## Coding by Key Components

History	Chief Complaint (CC)		History of present illness (HPI)		Past, family, social history (PFSH)		Review of systems (ROS)	
	Reason for the visit		Location; Severity; Timing; Quality; Duration; Context; Modifying Factors; Associated signs and symptoms		Past medical; Family medical; Social		Constitutional; Eyes; Ears, Nose, Mouth, and Throat; Cardiovascular; Respiratory; Genitourinary; Musculoskeletal; Gastrointestinal; Skin/Breast; Neurological; Psychiatric; Endocrine; Hematologic/Lymphatic; Allergic/Immunologic	
	CC		HPI		PFSH		ROS	
							History Type	
	Yes	Brief (1-3 elements or 1-2 chronic conditions)		N/A		N/A		Problem focused (PF)
				Problem pertinent (1 system)		Expanded problem focused (EPF)		
Extended (4 elements or 3 chronic conditions)		Pertinent (1 element)		Extended (2-9 systems)		Detailed (DET)		
		Complete (2 elements (est) or 3 elements (new/initial))		Complete (10-14 systems)		Comprehensive (COMP)		
Examination	System/body area				Examination			
	Constitutional		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>3/7 vital signs: sitting or standing BP, supine BP, pulse rate and regularity, respiration, temperature, height, weight</li><li>General appearance</li></ul>					
	Musculoskeletal		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Muscle strength and tone</li><li>Gait and station</li></ul>					
	Psychiatric		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Speech</li><li>Thought process</li><li>Associations</li><li>Abnormal/psychotic thoughts</li><li>Judgment and insight</li><li>Orientation</li><li>Recent and remote memory</li><li>Attention and concentration</li><li>Language</li><li>Fund of knowledge</li><li>Mood and affect</li></ul>					
	Examination Elements				Examination type			
	1-5 bullets				Problem focused (PF)			
	At least 6 bullets				Expanded problem focused (EPF)			
	At least 9 bullets				Detailed (DET)			
	All bullets in Constitutional and Psychiatric (shaded) boxes and 1 bullet in Musculoskeletal (unshaded) box				Comprehensive (COMP)			
	Med Dec Making	Medical Decision Making Element						Determined by
Number of diagnoses or management options						Problem points chart		
Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed						Data points chart		
Risk of significant complications, morbidity, and/or mortality						Table of risk		
Problem Points								
Category of Problems/Major New symptoms						Points per problem		
Self-limiting or minor (stable, improved, or worsening) (max=2)						1		
Established problem (to examining physician); stable or improved						1		
Established problem (to examining physician); worsening						2		
New problem (to examining physician); no additional workup or diagnostic procedures ordered (max=1)						3		
New problem (to examining physician); additional workup planned*						4		
*Additional workup does not include referring patient to another physician for future care								

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Medical Decision Making	Data Points							
	Categories of Data to be Reviewed (max=1 for each)			Points				
	Review and/or order of clinical lab tests			1				
	Review and/or order of tests in the radiology section of CPT			1				
	Review and/or order of tests in the medicine section of CPT			1				
	Discussion of test results with performing physician			1				
	Decision to obtain old records and/or obtain history from someone other than patient			1				
	Review and summarization of old records and/or obtaining history from someone other than patient and/or discussion of case with another health care provider			2				
	Independent visualization of image, tracing, or specimen itself (not simply review report)			2				
	Table of Risk							
	Level of Risk	Presenting Problem(s)		Diagnostic Procedure(s) Ordered	Management Options Selected			
	Minimal	One self-limited or minor problem		Venipuncture; EKG; urinalysis	Rest			
	Low	Two or more self-limited or minor problems; One stable chronic illness; Acute uncomplicated illness		Arterial puncture	OTC drugs			
	Moderate	One or more chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progression, or side effects; Two or more stable chronic illnesses; Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; Acute illness with systemic symptoms			Prescription drug management			
High	One or more chronic illnesses with severe exacerbation, progression, or side effects; Acute or chronic illnesses that pose a threat to life or bodily function			Drug therapy requiring intensive monitoring for toxicity				
Problem Points		Data Points	Risk	Complexity of Medical Decision Making				
2/3 elements must be met or exceeded:	0-1	0-1	Minimal	Straightforward				
	2	2	Low	Low				
	3	3	Moderate	Moderate				
	4	4	High	High				
CPT Codes	New Patient Office (requires 3 of 3)				Established Patient Office (requires 2 of 3)			
	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM
	99201	PF	PF	Straightforward	99211	N/A	N/A	N/A
	99202	EPF	EPF	Straightforward	99212	PF	PF	Straightforward
	99203	DET	DET	Low	99213	EPF	EPF	Low
	99204	COMP	COMP	Moderate	99214	DET	DET	Moderate
	99205	COMP	COMP	High	99215	COMP	COMP	High
	Initial Hospital/PHP (requires 3 of 3)				Subsequent Hospital/PHP (requires 2 of 3)			
	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM	CPT Code	History	Exam	MDM
	99221	DET	DET	Straightforward	99231	PF	PF	Straightforward
	99222	COMP	COMP	Moderate	99232	EPF	EPF	Moderate
	99223	COMP	COMP	High	99233	DET	DET	High





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## Evaluation and Management (E/M) Patient Examples

### Office, Established Patient

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### IMPORTANT

The sample progress notes below meet criteria for the specified E/M code, but do **not** necessarily meet criteria for the multiple other purposes (e.g., clinical, legal) of documentation. For illustration, the documentation meets requirements specified by the codes for the exact levels of each of the 3 key components. In practice, criteria for these codes may be met by documenting only 2 of 3 of the key components at or above the level required by the code.

**SERVICES SHOULD ALWAYS BE MEDICALLY NECESSARY.**

99213		Office visit for a 9-year-old male, established patient, with ADHD. Mild symptoms and minimal medication side effects.	Office visit for a 27-year-old female, established patient, with stable depression and anxiety. Intermittent moderate stress.	
HISTORY	CC	9-year-old male seen for follow up visit for ADHD. Visit attended by patient and mother; history obtained from both.	27-year-old female seen for follow up visit for depression and anxiety. Visit attended by patient.	HISTORY: Expanded Problem Focused
	HPI	Grades are good (associated signs and symptoms) but patient appears distracted (quality) in class (context). Lunch appetite poor but eating well at other meals. <b>HPI scoring:</b> 3 elements = <i>Brief</i>	Difficulty at work but coping has been good. Minimal (severity) situational sadness (quality) and anxiety when stressed (context). <b>HPI scoring:</b> 3 elements = <i>Brief</i>	
	PFSH	N/A	N/A	
	ROS	Psychiatric: denies depression, anxiety, sleep problems <b>ROS scoring:</b> 1 system = <i>Problem-pertinent</i>	Psychiatric: no sadness, anxiety, irritability <b>ROS scoring:</b> 1 system = <i>Problem-pertinent</i>	
EXAM	Const	Appearance: appropriate dress, comes to office easily	Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	EXAM: Exp. Problem Focused
	MS	N/A	N/A	
	Psych	Speech: normal rate and tone; Thought content: no SI/HI or psychotic symptoms; Associations: intact; Orientation: x 3; Mood and affect: euthymic and full and appropriate <b>Examination scoring:</b> 6 elements = <i>Expanded problem-focused</i>	Speech: normal rate and tone; Thought content: no SI/HI or psychotic symptoms; Associations: intact; Orientation: x 3; Mood and affect: euthymic and full and appropriate; Judgment and insight: good <b>Examination scoring:</b> 7 elements = <i>Expanded problem-focused</i>	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	Problem 1:	ADHD	Depression	MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: Low Complexity
	Comment:	Relatively stable; mild symptoms	Stable	
	Plan:	Renew stimulant script and increase dose; Return visit in 2 months	Renew SSRI script at the same dose; Return visit in 3 months	
	Problem 2:		Anxiety	
Prob			Stable	
	Data	<b>Problem scoring:</b> 1 established problem, stable (1); total of 1 = <i>Minimal</i>	<b>Problem scoring:</b> 2 established problems, stable (1 for each = 2); total of 2 = <i>Limited</i>	
	Risk	<b>Data scoring:</b> Obtain history from someone other than patient (2); total of 2 = <i>Limited</i>	<b>Data scoring:</b> None = <i>Minimal</i>	
		<b>Risk scoring:</b> Chronic illness with mild exacerbation, progression, or side effects; and Prescription drug management = <i>Moderate</i>	<b>Risk scoring:</b> Two stable chronic illnesses; and Prescription drug management = <i>Moderate</i>	

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99214		Office visit for a 13-year-old male, established patient, with depression, anxiety, and anger outbursts.	Office visit for a 70-year-old male, established patient, with stable depression and recent mild forgetfulness.	
HISTORY	CC	13-year-old male seen for follow up visit for mood and behavior problems. Visit attended by patient and father; history obtained from both.	70-year-old male seen for follow up visit for depression. Visit attended by patient and daughter; history obtained from both.	HISTORY: Detailed
	HPI	Patient and father report increasing (timing), moderate (severity) sadness (quality) that seems to be present only at home (context) and tends to be associated with yelling and punching the walls (associated signs and symptoms) at greater frequency, at least once per week when patient frustrated. Anxiety has been improving and intermittent, with no evident trigger (modifying factors).  <b>HPI scoring:</b> 6 elements = <i>Extended</i>	Patient and daughter report increasing distress related to finding that he has repeatedly lost small objects (e.g., keys, bills, items of clothing) over the past 2-3 months (duration). Patient notices intermittent (timing), mild (severity) forgetfulness (quality) of people's names and what he is about to say in a conversation. There are no particular stressors (modifying factors) and little sadness (associated signs and symptoms).  <b>HPI scoring:</b> 6 elements = <i>Extended</i>	
	PFSH	Attending 8 <sup>th</sup> grade without problem; fair grades  <b>PFSH scoring:</b> 1 element: social = <i>Pertinent</i>	Less attention to hobbies  <b>PFSH scoring:</b> 1 element: social = <i>Pertinent</i>	
	ROS	Psychiatric: no problems with sleep or attention; Neurological: no headaches  <b>ROS scoring:</b> 2 systems = <i>Extended</i>	Psychiatric: no problems with sleep or anger; Neurological: no headaches, dizziness, or weakness  <b>ROS scoring:</b> 2 systems = <i>Extended</i>	
EXAM	Const	Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	EXAM: Detailed
	MS	N/A	Muscle strength and tone: normal	
	Psych	Speech: normal rate and tone; Thought process: logical; Associations: intact; Thought content: no SI/HI or psychotic symptoms; Orientation: x 3; Attention and concentration: good; Mood and affect: euthymic and full and appropriate ; Judgment and insight: good  <b>Examination scoring:</b> 9 elements = <i>Detailed</i>	Speech: normal rate and tone; Thought process: logical; Associations: intact; Thought content: no SI/HI or psychotic symptoms; Orientation: x 3; Attention and concentration: unable to focus on serial 7s; Mood and affect: euthymic and full and appropriate; Recent and remote memory: mild struggle with telling history and remembered 1/3 objects  <b>Examination scoring:</b> 10 elements = <i>Detailed</i>	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING		<b>Problem 1:</b> Depression <b>Comment:</b> Worsening; appears associated with lack of structure <b>Plan:</b> Increase dose of SSRI; write script; CBT therapist; Return visit in 2 weeks	<b>Problem 1:</b> Depression <b>Comment:</b> Stable; few symptoms <b>Plan:</b> Continue same dose of SSRI; write script Return visit in 1 month	MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: Moderate Complexity
		<b>Problem 2:</b> Anxiety <b>Comment:</b> Improving <b>Plan:</b> Patient to work with therapist on identifying context	<b>Problem 2:</b> Forgetfulness <b>Comment:</b> New; mildly impaired attention and memory <b>Plan:</b> Brain MRI; consider referral to a neurologist if persists	
		<b>Problem 3:</b> Anger outbursts <b>Comment:</b> Worsening; related to depression but may represent mood dysregulation <b>Plan:</b> Call therapist to obtain additional history; consider a mood stabilizing medication if no improvement in 1-2 months		
	Prob	<b>Problem scoring:</b> 2 established problems, worsening (2 for each problem = 4); 1 established problem, improving (1); total of 5 = <i>Extensive</i>	<b>Problem scoring:</b> 1 established problem, stable (1); 1 new problem with additional workup (4); total of 5 = <i>Extensive</i>	
	Data	<b>Data scoring:</b> Obtain history from other (2); Decision to obtain history from other (1); total of 3 = <i>Multiple</i>	<b>Data scoring:</b> Order of test in the radiology section of CPT (1); Obtain history from other (2); total of 3 = <i>Multiple</i>	
	Risk	<b>Risk scoring:</b> One or more chronic illnesses with mild exacerbation, progression; and Prescription drug management = <i>Moderate</i>	<b>Risk scoring:</b> Undiagnosed new problem with uncertain prognosis; and Prescription drug management = <i>Moderate</i>	



## Evaluation and Management (E/M) Patient Examples

99215		Office visit for an established adolescent patient with history of bipolar disorder treated with lithium; seen on urgent basis at family's request because of severe depressive symptoms.	Office visit for a 25-year-old male, established patient with a history of schizophrenia, who has been seen bi-monthly but is complaining of auditory hallucinations.	
HISTORY	CC	17-year-old male seen for urgent visit for depression. Visit attended by patient and parents; history obtained from all 3.	25-year-old male seen for follow up visit for schizophrenia. Visit attended by patient.	HISTORY: Comprehensive
	HPI	Patient doing well until 2 days ago (timing) when, for no apparent reason (context), he refused to leave his bed and appeared extremely (severity) and continuously depressed (quality); he is sleeping more and eating little (associated signs and symptoms).	The patient reports doing well until 1 week ago (duration) when he stayed up all night to finish a term paper (context). He has slept poorly (severity) since (timing) and, 2 days ago, began hearing fairly continuous voices (quality) telling him that people plan to shoot him. Attention and organization were good up until this past week (associated signs and symptoms).	
		<b>HPI scoring:</b> 5 elements = <i>Extended</i>	<b>HPI scoring:</b> 6 elements = <i>Extended</i>	
	PFSH	Stopped attending school; family history of suicide is noted from patient's initial evaluation	Doing well in third year of graduate school. Chart notes no family psychiatric history.	
		<b>PFSH scoring:</b> Family and social (2 elements) = <i>Complete</i>	<b>PFSH scoring:</b> Family and social (2 elements) = <i>Complete</i>	
EXAMINATION	ROS	Psychiatric: no problems with anxiety or anger; Neurological: no headaches; All other systems reviewed and are negative.	Psychiatric: denies symptoms of depression or mania; Neurological: no headaches; All other systems reviewed and are negative.	EXAMINATION: Comprehensive
		<b>ROS scoring:</b> All systems = <i>Complete</i>	<b>ROS scoring:</b> All systems = <i>Complete</i>	
	Const	VS: BP (sitting) 120/70, P 90 and regular, R 20; Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	VS: BP (sitting) 115/70, P 86 and regular, Ht 5'10", Wt 180 lbs; Appearance: appropriate dress, appears stated age	
	MS	Gait and station: normal	Gait and station: normal	
	Psych	Speech: sparse and slow; Thought process: logical; Associations: intact; Thought content: hopelessness, thinks of suicide, no HI or psychotic symptoms; Orientation: x 3; Attention and concentration: impaired; Mood and affect: depressed and constricted; Judgment and insight: poor; Fund of knowledge: good; Recent and remote memory: good; Language: able to repeat phrases	Speech: normal rate and tone; Thought process: logical; Associations: intact; Thought content: auditory hallucinations and paranoid ideation, no SI/HI; Orientation: x 3; Attention and concentration: impaired; Mood and affect: euthymic and full and appropriate; Judgment and insight: good; Fund of knowledge: good; Recent and remote memory: good; Language: able to repeat phrases	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING		<b>Examination scoring:</b> All elements of constitutional and psychiatric and 1 element of musculoskeletal = <i>Comprehensive</i>	<b>Examination scoring:</b> All elements of constitutional and psychiatric and 1 element of musculoskeletal = <i>Comprehensive</i>	MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: High Complexity
		<b>Problem 1:</b> Bipolar disorder <b>Comment:</b> Major relapse <b>Plan:</b> Continue current dose of Lithium for the moment	<b>Problem 1:</b> Psychosis <b>Comment:</b> Major relapse <b>Plan:</b> Increase dose of antipsychotic; write script; hold off on hospital admission as patient historically very adherent; return for visit in 1 day	
		<b>Problem 2:</b> Suicidality <b>Comment:</b> New <b>Plan:</b> Refer to hospital; confer with hospitalist once patient is admitted	<b>Problem 2:</b> Insomnia <b>Comment:</b> Sleep deprivation may have triggered the psychosis relapse <b>Plan:</b> Change to a more powerful hypnotic; write script	
			<b>Problem 3:</b> ADHD <b>Comment:</b> Appears stable <b>Plan:</b> Continue same dose of non-stimulant medication	
	Prob	<b>Problem scoring:</b> 1 established problem, worsening (2); 1 new problem (3); total of 5 = <i>Extensive</i>	<b>Problem scoring:</b> 1 established problem, stable (1); 2 established problems, worsening (2 for each problem = 4); total of 5 = <i>Extensive</i>	
MEDICAL DECISION MAKING	Data	<b>Data scoring:</b> Obtain history from other (2); total of 2 = <i>Limited</i>	<b>Data scoring:</b> None = <i>Minimal</i>	
	Risk	<b>Risk scoring:</b> Chronic illness with severe exacerbation; and Illness that poses a threat to life = <i>High</i>	<b>Risk scoring:</b> Chronic illness with severe exacerbation = <i>High</i>	

Medical screening including the history, examination, and medical decision-making are required to determine the need and/or location for appropriate care and treatment of the patient (eg, office and other outpatient setting, emergency department, nursing facility). The levels of evaluation and management (E/M) services encompass the wide variations in skill, effort, time, responsibility, and medical knowledge required for the prevention or diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury and the promotion of optimal health.

#### How to Use This Quick Reference Guide

The descriptors for the levels of many of the E/M services recognize seven components, six of which are used in defining the levels of E/M services. The first three of these components (history, examination, and medical decision-making) are considered the **key** components and are required in selecting a level of E/M services. The next three components (counseling, coordination of care, and the nature of the presenting problem) are considered **contributory** factors in the majority of encounters. Although the first two of these contributory factors are important E/M services, it is not required that these services be provided during every patient encounter. The final component—time—is discussed in detail in the E/M Guidelines of *CPT® 2013*.

The tables contained within this guide summarize the requirements for reporting E/M services. The Pediatric and Neonatal Critical, Intensive, and Subsequent Care Codes have also been added to the listing of code families, with tabular illustrations of the requirements for reporting these services. Note: The E/M guidelines and the full code descriptors provided in the *CPT® 2013* codebook are essential elements in determining final code selection.

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Office or Other Outpatient Services					
Patient: New					
Required Components: 3/3					
Code	99201	99202	99203	99204	99205
Required Key Components					
History and Exam (#1 and #2)					
Problem-Focused	X				
Expanded Problem-Focused		X			
Detailed			X		
Comprehensive				X	X
Medical Decision Making (Complexity) (#3)					
Straightforward	X	X			
Low			X		
Moderate				X	
High					X
Contributory Factors					
Presenting Problem (Severity) (#1)					
Self-limited or Minor	X				
Low to Moderate		X			
Moderate			X		
Moderate to High				X	X
Counseling (#2) See E/M Guidelines					
Coordination of Care (#3) See E/M Guidelines					
Typical Face-to-Face Time (#4)					
Minutes	10	20	30	45	60

Table 1

Office or Other Outpatient Services					
Patient: Established					
Required Components: 2/3					
Code	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215
Required Key Components					
History and Exam (#1 and #2)					
Problem-Focused	N/A	X			
Expanded Problem-Focused			X		
Detailed				X	
Comprehensive					X
Medical Decision Making (Complexity) (#3)					
Straightforward	N/A	X			
Low			X		
Moderate				X	
High					X
Contributory Factors					
Presenting Problem (Severity) (#1)					
Minimal	X				
Self-Limited or Minor		X			
Low to Moderate			X		
Moderate to High				X	X
Counseling (#2) See E/M Guidelines					
Coordination of Care (#3) See E/M Guidelines					
Typical Face-to-Face Time (#4)					
Minutes	5	10	15	25	40

Table 2

## Medical Staff Evaluation and Management Note

Client:		Client No:		Age:	Diagnosis:		
Date:	Staff:	Billing Code:		Time in:	Time out:		
<b>Chief Complaint (Reason for Visit):</b>							
<b>History of Present Illness (Describe location, duration, severity, context, associated signs, quality, modifying factors, meds)</b>							
Status of Chronic Medical/Co-Morbid Illness							
<b>For Review of Systems, indicate + or - findings:</b>							
ROS	Systemic	ENT	Eyes	Lymph	Resp	CV	GI
+							
-							
ROS	GU	Skin	MS	Endo	Neuro	Psych	Allergy
+							
-							
Explain positive responses:							
<b>PFSH (Past medical, family medical, and social history):</b>							
Reviewed PH:		Reviewed FH:		Reviewed SH:			
Since last visit, changes in PFSH:							
					# Elements Reviewed:		
<b>Examination</b>							
Ht:		Wt:		BP:		BMI:	
<u>General Appearance:</u>							
<u>Musculoskeletal</u>		<u>Psychiatric</u>					
Gait, station:		Orientation			Mood		
		Attention			Affect		
Strength, tone:		Concentration			Thought content		
		Language			Thought process		
<u>Neurological:</u>		Fund of knowledge			Associations		
		Judgement			Speech		
		Recent memory			Remote memory		
Dangerousness Risk Assessment:							

Abnormal Findings:	
Other Pertinent Findings and Lab Work Reviewed:	
# Elements Reviewed:	
Counseling and Care Coordination (describe):	
Time spent:	
Prescription(s) Written:	
Informed Consent:	
Labs/Other workup ordered:	
<b>Assessment and Plan:</b>	
<u>Diagnoses</u>	<u>Impression/Formulation</u>
Aixs I:	
Axis II:	
Axis III:	
Axis IV:	
AXIS V (GAF):	
Plan (by diagnosis):	
Follow up:	
Signature/Credentials	Date