

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

Procedure Code Time Period

CPT “time rule”= **A unit of time is attained when the mid-point is passed.**

When codes are ranked in sequential typical times and the *actual time* is between two typical times, the code with the typical time closest to the actual time is used see examples below:

InSyst Code	CPT Code	Typical Time Period (minutes)	Actual Time Period (minutes)
545	99201	10	1 - 15
546	99202	20	16 - 25
547	99203	30	26 - 37
548	99204	45	38 - 52
549	99205	60	53 - and beyond
641	99211	5	1 - 7
643	99212	10	8 - 12
644	99213	15	13 - 20
645	99214	25	21 - 32
646	99215	40	33 - and beyond
441	90832	30	1 - 37
465	90833	30	1 - 37
442	90834	45	38 - 52
467	90836	45	38 - 52
443	90837	60	53 - and beyond
468	90838	60	53 - and beyond
377	90839	60	1 - 75
378	90840	+30	16 – 45 (in addition to the initial 377/90839)
Crisis Note: 377/90839 is used for the first 75 minutes of crisis service. For services in excess of 75 minutes use the 378/90840 code for every additional 30 minutes if your service has past the mid-way point of 16 minutes in that 30 minute segment of time.			