

Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services

Procedure Code Time Periods

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) |
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| 441 | 90832 | 30 | 16 - 37 |
| 442 | 90834 | 45 | 38 - 52 |
| 443 | 90837 | 60 | 53 - and beyond |
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| 377 | 90839 | 60 | 30 - 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. | | | |
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