

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 23, 2024

To: Alameda County Mental Health Plan (MHP) Fee-For-Service (FFS) Organizational Providers

From: Lisa Moore, Billing and Benefits Support Director *Lisa Moore*
Cecilia Serrano, Finance Director

Subject: **CPT Codes 99221, 99222, and 99223 Updates**

Alameda County Health, Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) is informing Mental Health Plan (MHP) Fee-for-Service (FFS) providers of recent Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) rate updates. The time increment and rates for the codes have been updated as follows:

CPT	PROCEDURE DESCRIPTION	Old Time Increment	New Time Increment	Prior Rate	New Adjusted Rate
99221	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient. Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission are of low severity.	20-39 minutes	40-54 minutes	\$177.00	\$246.00
99222	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient. Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission are of moderate severity.	40-59 minutes	55-74 minutes	\$243.00	\$305.00
99223	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient. Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission are of high severity.	60-79 minutes	75-96 minutes	\$412.00	\$501.00

Per DHCS, only Clinical Nurse Specialists, Licensed Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, and Physician Assistants are permitted to bill for the above services.

ACBHD is sending this memo in lieu of a contract amendment. Per the following language on your contracted rate sheet: "Additional billing codes may be approved in writing by ACBHD." This change is effective immediately.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and appreciate our partnership.

cc: Contracts Unit
Billing and Benefits Support Unit
Quality Assurance Unit