

- MEMORANDUM -

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TO: Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Providers
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SUBJECT: **New Clinician Consultation Services Effective 7/1/22**

This memorandum announces a new SUD service, *Clinician Consultation* services, which replaces *Physician Consultation* services.

Description of Changes

As part of the recent CalAIM updates to DMC-ODS, per BHIN 21-075, Clinician Consultation replaces and expands the previous Physician Consultation service.

Services previously referred to as Physician Consultation are now called Clinician Consultation. Clinician Consultation services can be utilized by any licensed clinician, which is an expansion to Physician Consultation services, which were limited to agency physicians only.

What is Clinician Consultation?

- Clinician Consultation is not a direct service provided to DMC-ODS beneficiaries.
- It is a service between a provider's Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) and an ACBH designated consultant to assist clinicians with seeking expert advice on treatment needs for specific DMC-ODS beneficiaries. ACBH will contract with one or more physicians, clinicians, or pharmacists specializing in addiction in order to provide consultation services. Consultants are addiction medicine physicians, addiction psychiatrists, licensed clinicians, or clinical pharmacists.
- Clinician Consultation is designed to support DMC-ODS licensed clinicians with complex cases and may address medication selection, dosing, side effect management, adherence, drug interactions, or level of care considerations.
- Clinician Consultation is not for internal agency consultations.
- Consultations can occur in-person, by telehealth (i.e. synchronous video and audio), by telephone, or by asynchronous telecommunication (e.g. encrypted email, secure electronic health record communications).
- Documentation of, and claiming for, Clinician Consultation services is completed by the provider's licensed clinician. Clinician Consultation is available at every Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Level of Care (LOC) using the codes specified below.

Procedure Codes for Clinician Consultation

The following codes have been added to InSYST and can be used to claim these services:





Name	InSyst Procedure Code	HCPC and Modifier
OS Clinician Consultation	670	G9008 U7
IOS Clinician Consultation	270	G9008 U8
OTP Clinician Consultation	513	G9008 UA HG
3.1 Clinician Consultation	116	G9008 U1
3.3 Clinician Consultation	176	G9008 U2
3.5 Clinician Consultation	397	G9008 U3
WM-3.2 Clinician Consultation	146	G9008 U9

Action Required

The Clinician Consultation code is available effective 7/1/22. Please begin working with your teams to communicate and implement these changes, as appropriate.

Support

Changes resulting from the CalAIM initiatives will continue to be discussed during monthly SUD Brown Bag meetings. We welcome questions and opportunities for clarification of these significant changes. **SUD Brown Bags are scheduled every third Thursday of the month from 12pm-1pm. The next SUD Brown Bag meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2022.** If you do not have the meeting already on your calendar, below is the link and call-in information:

Link: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/486928181>

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For questions, please contact QATA@acgov.org.

