

Memo

Date: September 4, 2024
To: Alameda County Mental Health Plan (MHP) Fee-For-Service (FFS) Providers
From: Vanessa Baker, Deputy Director
Subject: Revised Procedure Codes for Prolonged Service

This memo is to inform Alameda County Behavioral Health Department (ACBHD) Mental Health Plan (MHP) Fee-for-Service (FFS) individual practitioners¹ of revised procedure codes published by the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), effective July 1, 2024.

Overview of Changes As part of Medi-Cal’s CalAIM payment reform changes, DHCS continues to refine procedure codes and recently published an update to the SMHS Billing Manual for services rendered in FY 2024-2025. Below is a summary of the changes that impact FFS individual practitioners.

1) Minimum time associated with the following codes has been extended:

Codes	Description	Minimum Time Associated with Code FY 23-24	Minimum Time Associated with Code FY 24-25
90791	Assessment	8 minutes	31 minutes
90853	Group Therapy	8 minutes	23 minutes
90887	Interpretation or Explanation of Results of Psychiatric or Other Medical Procedures to Family or Other Responsible Persons	8 minutes	26 minutes

- 2) ACBHD has adjusted the rate for the above codes accordingly. For services effective July 1, 2024, and forward, these service codes will be a “flat rate” as long as the minimum time associated with code is met.
- 3) G2212 will no longer be an acceptable prolonged service code for claims with dates of service after June 30, 2024.
- 4) For services that go beyond the allowed time range for the code, there are new rules for how those service must be claimed. The [FFS General Utilization Table](#) has been updated and includes details related to these changes.

Contract and Invoice Submission

In lieu of contract amendments, ACBHD will reimburse providers for the updated minutes associated with the code. Service lines submitted for G2212 with dates of service after June 30, 2024, will be denied and will need to be re-submitted with corrections.

Thank you for the work you do serving ACBHD beneficiaries and for your continued collaboration in navigating changes from DHCS. For questions, please contact qata@acgov.org, ACBHD Billing and Benefits Support Unit or the Contracts Unit.

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¹ Please note, this does not apply to Full Service Partnership contracted programs which are also under the MHP and paid based on a FFS rate.