



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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All Providers

Effective Immediately

Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention Billing Codes

The health behavior assessment and intervention billing codes require a primary health diagnosis; therefore, these codes are only billable by the following licensed practitioners: physicians, mid-level practitioners, and psychiatrists.

As described in the American Medical Association's (AMA) 2021 Current Procedure Terminology (CPT), Professional Edition, this provider notice pertains to the following codes:

- CPT 96156 – Health behavior assessment or reassessment
- CPT 96158 – Health behavior intervention, individual, initial 30 minutes
- CPT 96159 – Each additional 15 minutes
- CPT 96160 – Administration of patient-focused health risk assessment
- CPT 96161 – Administration of caregiver-focused health risk assessment
- CPT 96164 – Health behavior intervention, group, initial 30 minutes
- CPT 96165 – Each additional 15 minutes
- CPT 96167 – Health behavior intervention, family with patient present, initial 30 minutes
- CPT 96168 – Each additional 15 minutes
- CPT 96170 – Health behavior intervention, family with patient present, initial 30 minutes
- CPT 96171 – Each additional 15 minutes

Health behavior assessment and intervention services are used to identify and address the psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive, and interpersonal factors important to the assessment, treatment, or management of physical health problems. This means the member's primary diagnosis must be physical in nature and the focus is on the factors complicating the physical health condition. These codes are used to improve the member's health and well-being utilizing psychological and/or psychosocial procedures designed to decrease specific physical disease-related problems.

Contact Information

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