

Procedure code conversion chart for outpatient mental health and substance abuse services

The following chart lists procedure codes and modifiers that psychiatrists and Ph.D. psychologists in private practice and *all* outpatient mental health and substance abuse clinics will be required to use when submitting claims.

Professional level modifiers

Modifier	Description	Providers
HN	Bachelors degree level	Alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) counselor (counselors that have less credentials than a Master's level psychotherapist)
HO	Masters degree level	Master's level psychotherapist (Master's level psychotherapists are Master's-level mental health professionals with 3,000 hours of supervised experience or are listed in an appropriate national registry as stated in HFS 61.96, Wis. Admin. Code. This includes registered nurses with a Master's degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing or community mental health nursing from a graduate school of nursing accredited by the National League for Nursing.)
HP UA	Doctoral level MD, Psychiatrist	Psychologist, Ph.D. Psychiatrist billing mental health and substance abuse services Physician billing substance abuse services Physician assistant billing substance abuse services
UB	APNP — Psychiatric specialty	Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber (APNP) — Master's level registered nurse, only those with an APNP — psychiatric specialty billing pharmacologic management
U8	Physician assistant	Physician assistant billing pharmacologic management

Psychiatric diagnostic or evaluative interview procedures

Before HIPAA implementation		After HIPAA implementation	
Local procedure code and description	Nationally recognized procedure code(s)	Allowable modifier(s)*	Benchmark Covered Service
W8931 Psychiatric evaluation . Ph.D. W8932 Psychiatric evaluation . Master's-level therapist W8933 Psychiatric evaluation . Psychiatrist	Psychiatry: 90801, 90802	HO HP UA	Y
W8987 Limitation — Exceeded Psychotherapy/substance abuse (AODA) diagnostic interview examination (quantity of 1 = 1 hour)	Limitation Exceeded (Psychotherapy): H0046 Limitation Exceeded (Substance Abuse): H0047	HO HP UA	Y

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Psychiatric therapeutic procedures (individual/family)

In reporting psychotherapy, the appropriate code is chosen on the basis of the type of psychotherapy (interactive versus insight oriented), the place of service (office versus inpatient), the face-to-face time spent with the patient during psychotherapy and whether evaluation and management services are furnished on the same date of service as psychotherapy.

Before HIPAA implementation	After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code and description	CPT procedure code(s)	Allowable modifier(s)*	Benchmark Covered Service
<p>W8927 Individual/Family psychotherapy — Ph.D.</p>	<p>Office or Other Outpatient Facility Psychotherapy: 90804, 90806, 90808, 90810, 90812, 90814</p> <p>Inpatient Hospital, Partial Hospital, or Residential Care Facility Psychotherapy: 90816, 90818, 90821, 90823, 90826, 90828</p> <p>Other Psychotherapy: 90845, 90846, 90847, 90865, 90875, 90876, 90880, 90887, 90899</p>	<p>HP</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>W8928 Individual/Family psychotherapy — Master's-level therapist</p>	<p>Office or Other Outpatient Facility Psychotherapy: 90804, 90806, 90808, 90810, 90812, 90814</p> <p>Inpatient Hospital, Partial Hospital, or Residential Care Facility Psychotherapy: 90816, 90818, 90821, 90823, 90826, 90828</p> <p>Other Psychotherapy: 90845, 90846, 90847, 90875, 90876, 90880, 90887, 90899</p>	<p>HO</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>W8930 Individual/Family psychotherapy — Psychiatrist</p>	<p>Office or Other Outpatient Facility Psychotherapy: 90804, 90805, 90806, 90807, 90808, 90809, 90810, 90811, 90812, 90813, 90814, 90815</p> <p>Inpatient Hospital, Partial Hospital, or Residential Care Facility Psychotherapy: 90816, 90817, 90818, 90819, 90821, 90822, 90823, 90824, 90826, 90827, 90828, 90829</p> <p>Other Psychotherapy: 90845, 90846, 90847, 90865, 90870, 90871, 90875, 90876, 90880, 90887, 90899</p>	<p>UA</p>	<p>Y</p>

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Psychiatric therapeutic procedures (group)

Before HIPAA implementation	After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code and description	CPT procedure code	Allowable modifier(s)*	Benchmark Covered Service
<p>W8934 Group psychotherapy — Ph.D.</p> <p>W8935 Group psychotherapy — Master's-level therapist</p> <p>W8936 Group psychotherapy — Psychiatrist</p>	<p>Multiple-family group psychotherapy: 90849</p> <p>Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group): 90853</p> <p>Interactive group psychotherapy: 90857</p>	<p>HP HO UA</p>	<p>Y</p>

Other psychiatric services or procedures

Before HIPAA implementation	After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code and description	CPT procedure code	Allowable modifier(s)*	Benchmark Covered Service
<p>W8937 Psychiatry medication management (Medication check) — Master's-level Psychiatric Nurse (quantity of 1.0 = 15 minutes)</p>	<p>Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy 90862</p>	<p>HO</p>	<p>Y</p>
<p>W8938 Psychiatry medication management (Medication check) — Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Psychiatrists (quantity of 1.0 = 15 minutes)</p>	<p>Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy 90862</p>	<p>UA UB U8</p>	<p>Y</p>

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Substance abuse treatment procedures

Before HIPAA implementation	After HIPAA implementation		
Local procedure code and description	HCPCS procedure code and description	Allowable Modifier(s)*	Benchmark Covered Service
W8968 Individual substance abuse (AODA) therapy (quantity of 1 = 60 minutes)	Alcohol and/or drug intervention service (planned facilitation): H0022	HN HO HP UA	Y
W8969 Group substance abuse therapy (quantity of 1 = 60 minutes)	Alcohol and/or drug services; group counseling by a clinician: H0005		Y
W8970 Family substance abuse (AODA) therapy (quantity of 1 = 60 minutes)	Alcohol and/or substance abuse services, family/couple counseling: T1006		Y
W8972 Individual/Family AODA — Ph.D. W8973 Individual/Family AODA — MS W8974 Individual/Family AODA — MD W8975 Individual/Family AODA — Other	Individual — Alcohol and/or drug intervention service (planned facilitation): H0022 Family — Alcohol and/or substance abuse services, family/couple counseling: T1006		Y
W8976 Group AODA — Ph.D. W8977 Group AODA — MS W8978 Group AODA — MD W8979 Group AODA — Other	Alcohol and/or drug services; group counseling by a clinician: H0005		Y

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