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## Important update regarding behavioral health CPT/HCPCS codes

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2019, Healthy Blue is updating the behavioral health daily limits for outpatient behavioral health services (as shown below).

As a reminder, all codes and modifiers must be used in accordance with standard billing guidelines. Providers must use *HIPAA*-compliant billing codes, as well as valid ICD diagnosis codes, when billing or submitting encounter data. This applies to both electronic and paper claims. Healthy Blue reserves the right to use code editing software to determine which service is considered a part of, incidental to or inclusive of the primary procedure.

**Table one: Behavioral health limits**

Code	Code description	Daily Limit
90791	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation	1
90792	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services	1
90832	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient	1
90833	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient when performed with an evaluation and management service (List separately in addition to the code for primary procedure.)	1
90834	Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient	1
90836	Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient when performed with an evaluation and management service (List separately in addition to the code for primary procedure.)	1
90837	Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient	1
90838	Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient when performed with an evaluation and management service (List separately in addition to the code for primary procedure.)	1
90839	Psychotherapy for crisis; first 60 minutes	1
90840	Psychotherapy for crisis; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service.)	3
90846	Family psychotherapy (without the patient present), 50 minutes	1
90847	Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present), 50 minutes	1
90849	Multiple-family group psychotherapy	1
90853	Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group)	1
96101	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology for example, MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report	8

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<b>Code</b>	<b>Code description</b>	<b>Limit</b>
96102	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology for example, MMPI and WAIS), with qualified health care professional interpretation and report, administered by technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face	4
96150	Health and behavior assessment (for example, health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, psychophysiological monitoring, health-oriented questionnaires), each 15 minutes face-to-face with the patient; initial assessment	8
96151	Health and behavior assessment (for example, health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, psychophysiological monitoring, health-oriented questionnaires), each 15 minutes face-to-face with the patient; re-assessment	6
96372	Therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic injection (specify substance or drug); subcutaneous or intramuscular	4
H0004	Behavioral health counseling and therapy, per 15 minutes	1
H0012	Alcohol and/or drug services; subacute detoxification (residential addiction program outpatient)	1
H0015	Alcohol and/or drug services; intensive outpatient (treatment program that operates at least 3 hours/day and at least 3 days/week and is based on an individualized treatment plan), including assessment, counseling, crisis intervention, and activity therapies or education	16
H0036	Community psychiatric supportive treatment, face-to-face, per 15 minutes	16
H0039	Assertive community treatment, face-to-face, per 15 minutes	1
H2011	Crisis intervention service, per 15 minutes	16
H2017	Psychosocial rehabilitation services, per 15 minutes	16
T1001	Nursing assessment/evaluation	2

**What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.