

Tracking of evidence-based practices

Background: Effective April 12, 2019, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) tracks the use of behavioral health (BH) therapeutic evidence-based practices (EBPs) on encounter records submitted by Louisiana Medicaid. On December 16, 2019, LDH added two new codes: **Triple Level 4 EBP 06** and **Trauma Focused CBT EBP 07**.

The Louisiana Medicaid specialized BH fee schedule currently includes CPT[®]/HCPCS codes for four EBP programs:

- Functional family therapy (FFT)
- Multisystemic therapy (MST)
- Homebuilders
- Assertive community treatment (ACT)

LDH's goal is to track the provision and use of other EBP BH programs that currently cannot be tracked via claim record CPT/HCPCS codes.

Please note: LDH has added two new EBP appendixes to the *Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual* for Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Triple P Positive Parenting Program.

What is the impact of this change?

The following table contains the current list of EBP tracking codes, associated CPT/HCPCS codes and the credentialing documentation required to provide EBP services. Proof of licensure and certificates from approved sources listed in the table must be provided to Healthy Blue prior to submitting claims. These documents will be verified to ensure providers have the appropriate credentials and qualifications to provide EBP services.

Additional EBPs with associated tracking codes will be added over time. LDH added two new codes — **Triple Level 4 EBP 06** and **Trauma Focused CBT EBP 07** — that are reflected below.

EBP	EBP tracking code	Valid CPT/HCPCS codes	Credentialing documentation to provide the EBP
Functional family therapy-child welfare (FFT-CW)	EB01	H0036 with modifier HE	Agency FFT license with FFT-CW specialty from FFT, LLC

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Child-parent psychotherapy (CPP)	EB02	90837, 90834, 90832, 90847, 90846	Certificate stating that the clinician has fulfilled the requirements of an implementation level course in CPP, from a trainer endorsed by the University of California, San Francisco
Parent-child interaction therapy (PCIT)	EB03	90837, 90834, 90832, 90847, 90846	Certification from PCIT, international: http://www.pcit.org/united-states.html
Youth PTSD treatment (YPT)	EB04	90837, 90834, 90832, 90847, 90846	Advanced certificate from Tulane psychiatry in YPT
Preschool PTSD treatment (PPT)	EB05	90837, 90834, 90832, 90847, 90846	Advanced certificate from Tulane psychiatry PPT
Triple P Level 4	EB06	90837, 90834, 90832, 90847, 90846	Accreditation Certificate in Triple P –Standard Level 4, issued by Triple P America
TF-CBT	EB07	90837, 0834, 90832, 90847, 90846	Documentation of certification through the TF-CBT National Therapist Certification Program Certified TF-CBT therapists are listed on a national registry at https://tfcbt.org/members

Claim submissions:

Providers should communicate use of EBP programs by including an EBP tracking code on the claim form. We will accept EBP tracking codes in the following formats:

- **Hard copy** — Place the EBP tracking code in **Box 19** on the *CMS-1500* claim form.
 - If multiple EBP tracking codes are billed on a single *CMS-1500* claim form, then put the line number directly in front of the EBP tracking code and place a space in between each EBP tracking code.
 - For example, if EB03 applies to line 3 of the claim, and EB01 applies to line 2 of the claim, then 2EB01 3EB03 should appear in **Box 19**.
- **Electronic** — Place the EBP tracking code in the 837's Loop 2400 SV101-7.
- **Provider self-service website on Availity*** (<https://www.availity.com>) — Place the EBP tracking code in the *Service Line Note* field.

The following claim edits will apply:

- If an EBP provider bills individual or family therapy and includes a value in *FL 19* or *SV101-7*, but the value is not one of the EBP tracking codes, then the claim will deny with edit **G46 — Inappropriate billing for this contract**.
- If an EBP provider bills individual or family therapy and the EBP tracking code is a mismatch for the CPT/HCPCS code, then the claim will deny with edit **Y86 — Billing error**.
- If the claim is received with an EBP tracking code, but the provider is not credentialed to provide that EBP service, then the claim will deny with edit **MNH — Provider type cannot bill code**.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication, please contact Provider Relations at **1-504-836-8888** or email LAinterPR@HealthyBlueLA.com. If you need assistance with any other item, contact Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.