

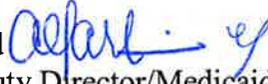
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TO: District of Columbia Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: Independent Practice for Psychologists and Other Licensed Practitioners (OLPs)

The purpose of this transmittal is to outline which ICD-10 and Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes Psychologists, Licensed Independent Clinical Social Workers (LICSWs), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs), and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs) may use to bill for services under the District's Medicaid Section 1115 Behavioral Health Transformation Demonstration waiver, effective January 1, 2020.

On November 6, 2019, the District's Medicaid Section 1115 Behavioral Health Transformation Demonstration was approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The Demonstration is a part of a larger District-wide effort to combat the opioid epidemic and will allow the District's Medicaid program to pay for a more comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services for Medicaid beneficiaries. Through the Demonstration, Psychologists, LICSWs, LPCs, and LMFTs shall be eligible to enroll in the District's Medicaid Program and provide behavioral health services, regardless of program affiliation, effective January 1, 2020.

To support implementation of the Demonstration, DHCF published emergency proposed rulemaking in the November 29, 2019 issue of the DC Register. In accordance with DCMR Title 29-8609, Psychologists, LICSWs, LPCs, and LMFTs may administer services within the scope of their respective licensure to diagnosis, treat, and coordinate care, independent of a clinic, facility, or hospital setting, for individuals with a behavioral health disorder.

Individuals with an ICD-10 diagnosis listed in Table 1 are eligible for Other Licensed Practitioner (OLP) services.

Table 1. Eligible ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes

Behavioral Health Diagnosis Class	ICD-10 Diagnosis Code Set
Encounter for observation for other suspected diseases and conditions ruled out	Z03.89+
Encounter for examination and observation for unspecified reason	Z04.9+*
Mental and Behavioral Disorders due to psychoactive substance use	F10-F19 (Excluding F17)
Schizophrenia, Schizotypal, and other non-mood psychotic disorders	F20-F29
Mood [affective] disorders	F30-F39
Anxiety, dissociative, stress related, somatoform and other non-psychotic mental disorders	F40-F49
Behavioral syndromes associated with physiological disturbances and physical factors	F50-F59
Disorders of Adult Personality and Behavior	F60-F69
Behavioral and emotional disorders with onset usually occurring in childhood and adolescence	F90-98
Unspecified Mental Disorder (Mental Illness NOS)	F99

+ All reimbursement claims with a date of service on or after October 1, 2015 require the use of ICD-10-CM codes. These codes are used with diagnostic, assessment, and testing services when behavioral health conditions are ruled out or do not need further behavioral health care services;

* Examination/ Observation without need for further medical/ behavioral health care.

In accordance with DCMR 29-8609, Psychologists and OLPs may use the CPT codes listed in Table 2 to bill for diagnosis, treatment, and coordination of care.

Table 2. Eligible CPT Codes

CPT Description	CPT code
Psych Diagnostic without Medical Services	90791
Brief emotional behavioral assessment	96127
Psychological Testing, first hour	96130
Psychological Testing, each additional hour	96131
Counseling risk factor reduction & beh. change intervention, 15 min	99401
Counseling risk factor reduction & beh. change intervention, 30 min	99402
Counseling risk factor reduction & beh. change intervention, 45 min	99403
Counseling risk factor reduction & beh. change intervention, 60 min	99404
E/M (alcohol and substance abuse) screening	99408
E/M (greater than 30 min) screening	99409
Psychotherapy for crisis	90839
Psychotherapy for crisis; each additional 30 minutes	90840
Psychoanalysis (60 min)	90845
Individual Psychotherapy 30 min	90832

Psychotherapy, 30 minutes when performed with E/M service	90833
Individual Psychotherapy 45 min	90834
Psychotherapy, 45 minutes when performed with E/M service	90836
Individual Psychotherapy 60 min	90837
Psychotherapy, 60 minutes when performed with E/M service	90838
Family Therapy w/o Patient (50 min)	90846
Family Therapy w/Patient (50 min)	90847
Multi Family GRP Therapy (MGFT)	90849
Group Psychotherapy (except MFGT)	90853
Family Conference	90887
Transition Care Management, w/in 14 days	99495
Transition Care Management, w/in 7 days	99496

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