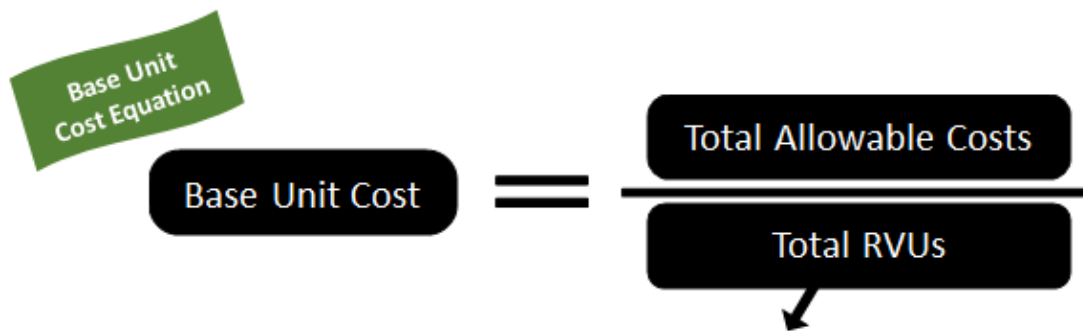




How Base Unit Costs are Determined

Fact Sheet March 2023

Base Unit Costs (BUCs) are utilized to ensure that Community Mental Health Centers are properly reimbursed at a reasonable rate in accordance with state statute CRS 24.5-4-403.



Relative Value Units (RVUs) are the *values* assigned to a particular service, based on resource intensity in comparison to other services. This methodology is based on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) *resource-based relative value scale* and the weights come directly from the CMS physician fee schedule.

Each procedure code is split into two categories, Facility and Non-Facility.

Procedure Code	Facility RVU Weight	Non-Facility RVU Weight
90785	0.38	0.43
90791	4.45	5.17

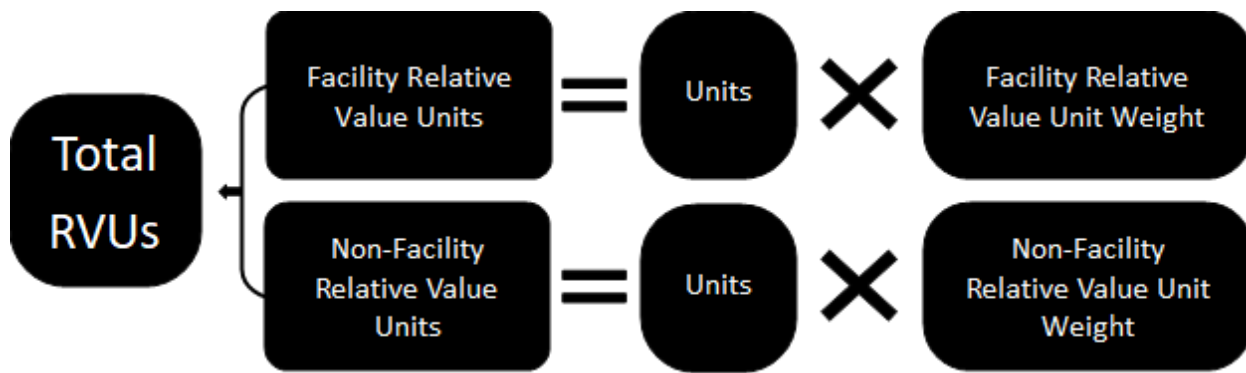
Facility: Service took place *in* CMHC

Non-Facility: Service took place *outside* CMHC (school, community, home, etc.)

Based on the table above we can determine the following:

1. Procedure code 90791 is considered more resource intensive than procedure code 90785, as **evidenced by RVU weight**.
2. Procedure code 90785 and 90791 are both more resource intensive when the place of service is outside of CMHCs, as **evidenced by RVU weight**.





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