



Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) Services

July 1, 2025

Overview

Starting July 1, 2025, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) established the Integrated Care Sustainability Policy to both increase access to integrated care services for members, and build a sustainable reimbursement model for primary care providers who are incorporating behavioral health services into their practices.

A component of the Integrated Care Sustainability Policy includes allowance of Primary Care Medical Providers (PCMPs) to bill Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) codes and be reimbursed Fee-For-Service (FFS) or through a Managed Care Organization

Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) Codes

HBAI codes focus on assessment and interventions to address behavioral health issues in a medical setting. HBAI services can be used to help assess and intervene in the psychological and behavioral factors affecting a member's functioning.

Billing

Practices must be contracted with a Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) or MCO as a PCMP to bill HBAI codes. PCMPs should use the most appropriate diagnosis when billing HBAI codes, however, a behavioral health diagnosis is not required.

Reimbursement

HBAI services are provided by a licensed behavioral health provider in collaboration with a medical provider. Services may be provided in person and/or through telehealth. Practices may submit claims for reimbursement of HBAI codes for FFS





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reimbursement if they are contracted with a RAE or MCO as a PCMP. The billing provider on the claim must be the PCMP billing as one of the following primary care provider types:

- 05 - Physician
- 16 - Clinic (primary care)
- 25 - Non-physician practitioner group
- 26 - Osteopath
- 32 - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- 41 - Family/Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- 45 - Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- 51 - School Health Services

The rendering provider on the claim must be Medicaid-enrolled and oversee treatment. The rendering provider must be enrolled as one of the following types:

- 37 - Licensed Psychologist (PhD, PsyD, EdD)
- 38 - Licensed Behavioral Health Clinician

Post-masters level providers working towards clinical licensure may provide the HBAI service, however, the rendering provider on the claim must be listed as the licensed clinician that is enrolled in Medicaid that is either providing or supervising the integrated care service.

Billing or rendering providers who are also behavioral health clinicians must be licensed as well as credentialed.

Restrictions

A HBAI code and a Collaborative Care Management (CoCM) code cannot be billed together for the same member in the same month. Additionally, a HBAI code and a psychotherapy code cannot be billed together on the same date of service.





Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention Codes

Code	Service Description	Time	Provider Types
96156	Health behavior assessment, or re-assessment (i.e., health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, clinical decision making).	N/A MUE: 1 unit	Billing Providers: 05, 16, 25, 26, 32, 41, 45, 51 Service Providers: Licensed behavioral health providers Common Notes: These visits will not require a diagnosis covered by the capitated behavioral health benefit. PCMPs should use the most appropriate diagnosis that supports medical necessity.
96158	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face; initial 30 minutes.	16 minutes - 37 minutes MUE: 1 unit	
96159	ADD ON to 96158 Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face; Each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).	8 minutes - 22 minutes MUE: 4 units	
96164	Health behavior intervention, group (2 or more patients), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes.	16 minutes - 37 minutes MUE: 1 unit	
96165	ADD ON to 96164 Health behavior intervention, group (2 or more patients), face-to-face; Each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).	8 minutes - 22 minutes MUE: 6 units	
96167	Health behavior intervention, family (with the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes.	16 minutes - 37 minutes MUE: 1 unit	
96168	ADD ON to 96167 Health behavior intervention, family (with the patient present), face-to-face; Each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).	8 minutes - 22 minutes MUE: 6 units	
96170	Health behavior intervention, family (without the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes.	16 minutes - 37 minutes MUE: 1 unit	





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96171	ADD ON to 96170 Health behavior intervention, family (without the patient present), face-to-face; Each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).	8 minutes - 22 minutes MUE: 2 units	
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