
Initial assessment usually involves a lot of time determining the differential diagnosis, a diagnostic plan, and potential treatment options. Therefore, most pediatricians will report either an office or outpatient evaluation and management (E/M) code using time as the key factor\(^a\) or a consultation code\(^b\) for the initial assessment.

**Physician Evaluation and Management Services**

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\(^a\)Time may be used as the key or controlling factor when greater than 50% of the total physician face-to-face time is spent in counseling or coordination of care (Current Procedural Terminology 2013, American Medical Association, page 10).

\(^b\)NOTE: Use of these codes requires the following:
1) Written or verbal request for consultation is documented in the patient chart.
2) Consultant’s opinion as well as any services ordered or performed are documented in the patient chart.
3) Consultant’s opinion and any services that are performed are prepared in a written report, which is sent to the requesting physician or other appropriate source (Note: patients/parents may not initiate a consultation).

For more information on consultation code changes for 2010, see www.aap.org/moc/loadsecure.cfm/reimburse/PositiononMedicareConsultationPolicy.doc.

A new patient is defined as one who has not received any face-to-face professional services from a physician, or another physician of the same specialty who belongs to the same group practice, within the past 3 years (Principles of CPT Coding [5th edition], American Medical Association, 2007).

**Physician Non–Face-to-Face Services**

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<td>Care Plan Oversight—Individual physician supervision of a patient (patient not present) in home, domiciliary or rest home (e.g., assisted living facility) requiring complex and multidisciplinary care modalities involving regular physician development and/or revision of care plans, review of subsequent reports of patient status, review of related laboratory and other studies, communication (including telephone calls) for purposes of assessment or care decisions with health care professional(s), family member(s), surrogate decision maker(s) (e.g., legal guardian) and/or key caregiver(s) involved in patient’s care, integration of new information into the medical treatment plan and/or adjustment of medical therapy, within a calendar month; 15-29 minutes</td>
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<td>99358</td>
<td>Prolonged physician services without direct patient contact; first hour (\text{NOTE: This code is no longer an “add-on” service and can be reported alone.})</td>
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<td>each additional 30 min. (use in conjunction with 99358)</td>
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<td>99367</td>
<td>Medical team conference by physician with interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, patient and/or family not present, 30 minutes or more</td>
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\(+99354\) Prolonged physician services in office or other outpatient setting, with direct patient contact; first hour (use in conjunction with time-based codes 99201–99215, 99241–99245, 99301–99350)

\(+99355\) each additional 30 min. (use in conjunction with 99354)

- Used when a physician provides prolonged services beyond the usual service (i.e., beyond the typical time).
- Time spent does not have to be continuous.
- Codes are add-on codes, meaning they are reported separately in addition to the appropriate code for the service provided (e.g., office or other outpatient E/M codes, 99201–99215).
- Prolonged service of less than 15 minutes beyond the first hour or less then 15 minutes beyond the final 30 minutes is not reported separately.
Telephone evaluation and management to an established patient, parent or guardian not originating from a related E/M service within the previous 7 days nor leading to an E/M service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment; 5-10 minutes of medical discussion

11-20 minutes of medical discussion

21-30 minutes of medical discussion

Online evaluation and management service provided by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional to an established patient, guardian or health care provider not originating from a related E/M service provided within the previous 7 days, using the internet or similar electronic communications network

Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation

Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation

Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services

Psychotherapy

Psychotherapy, 30 min with patient and/or family; with medical evaluation and management (Use in conjunction with 99201–99255, 99304–99337, 99341–99350)

Psychotherapy, 45 min with patient and/or family; with medical evaluation and management services (Use in conjunction with 99201–99255, 99304–99337, 99341–99350)

Psychotherapy, 60 min with patient and/or family; with medical evaluation and management services (Use in conjunction with 99201–99255, 99304–99337, 99341–99350)

Interactive complexity (Use in conjunction with codes for diagnostic psychiatric evaluation [90791, 90792], psychotherapy [90832, 90834, 90837], psychotherapy when performed with an evaluation and management service [90833, 90836, 90838, 99201–99255, 99304–99337, 99341–99350], and group psychotherapy [90853])

Refers to specific communication factors that complicate the delivery of a psychiatric procedure. Common factors include more difficult communication with discordant or emotional family members and engagement of young and verbally undeveloped or impaired patients. Typical encounters include

- Patients who have other individuals legally responsible for their care
- Patients who request others to be present or involved in their care such as translators, interpreters, or additional family members
- Patients who require the involvement of other third parties such as child welfare agencies, schools, or probation officers

Family psychotherapy (without patient present)

Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present)

Multiple-family group psychotherapy

Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple family group)

For interactive group psychotherapy use code 90785 in conjunction with code 90853.

Other Psychiatric Services/Procedures

Pharmacologic management, including prescription and review of medication, when performed with psychotherapy services (Use in conjunction with 90832, 90834, 90837)

For pharmacologic management with psychotherapy services performed by a physician or other qualified health care professional who may report E/M codes, use the appropriate E/M codes (99201–99255, 99281–99285, 99304–99337, 99341–99350) and the appropriate psychotherapy with E/M service (90833, 90836, 90838).

Note that code 90862 was deleted.

Psychiatric evaluation of hospital records, other psychiatric reports, and psychometric and/or projective tests, and other accumulated data for medical diagnostic purposes
Interpretation or explanation of results of psychiatric, other medical exams, or other accumulated data to family or other responsible persons, or advising them how to assist patient

Preparation of reports on patient’s psychiatric status, history, treatment, or progress (other than for legal or consultative purposes) for other individuals, agencies, or insurance carriers

Screening and Testing

Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., 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

Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), with qualified health care professional interpretation and report, administered by technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face

Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), administered by a computer, with qualified health care professional interpretation and report

Assessment of aphasia (includes assessment of expressive and receptive speech and language function, language comprehension, speech production ability, reading, spelling, writing, e.g., Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Examination) with interpretation and report, per hour

Developmental screening (eg, Developmental Screening Test II, Early Language Milestone Screen), with interpretation and report

Developmental testing (includes assessment of motor, language, social, adaptive, and/or cognitive functioning by standardized instruments) with interpretation and report

Nonphysician Provider (NPP) Services

Medical team conference with interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, face-to-face with patient and/or family, 30 minutes or more, participation by a nonphysician qualified healthcare professional

Medical team conference with interdisciplinary team of healthcare professionals, patient and/or family not present, 30 minutes or more, participation by a nonphysician qualified healthcare professional

Health and behavior assessment performed by nonphysician provider (health-focused clinical interviews, behavior observations) to identify psychological, behavioral, emotional, cognitive or social factors important to management of physical health problems, 15 min., initial assessment

Re-assessment

Health and behavior intervention performed by nonphysician provider to improve patient’s health and well-being using cognitive, behavioral, social, and/or psychophysiological procedures designed to ameliorate specific disease-related problems, individual, 15 min.

Group (2 or more patients)

Family (with the patient present)

Family (without the patient present)

Non–Face-to-Face Services: NPP

Telephone assessment and management service provided by a qualified nonphysician healthcare professional to an established patient, parent or guardian not originating from a related assessment and management service provided within the previous seven days nor leading to an assessment and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment; 5-10 minutes of medical discussion

11-20 minutes of medical discussion

21-30 minutes of medical discussion
98969 Online assessment and management service provided by a qualified nonphysician healthcare professional to an established patient, parent, guardian, or health care provider not originating from a related assessment and management service provided within the previous seven days nor using the internet or similar electronic communications network

Miscellaneous Services
99071 Educational supplies, such as books, tapes or pamphlets, provided by the physician for the patient’s education at cost to the physician

International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM) Codes

- Use as many diagnosis codes that apply to document the patient's complexity and report the patient’s symptoms or adverse environmental circumstances.

- Once a definitive diagnosis is established, report the appropriate definitive diagnosis code(s) as the primary code, plus any other symptoms that the patient is exhibiting as secondary diagnoses that are not part of the usual disease course.

- Counseling diagnosis codes can be used when patient is present or when counseling the parent(s) or guardian(s) when the patient is not physically present.

Mental, Behavioral, and Neurodevelopmental Disorders
291.89 Other specified alcohol-induced mental disorders (alcohol induced mood disorder)
292.84 Drug-induced mood disorder (Depressive state induced by drugs) (Use E code to identify drug)
292.85 Drug-induced sleep disorders (Depressive state induced by drugs) (Use E code to identify drug)
296.20 Major depressive disorder, single episode; unspecified
296.21 Major depressive disorder, single episode; mild
296.22 Major depressive disorder, single episode; moderate
296.23 Major depressive disorder, single episode; severe, without mention of psychotic behavior
296.24 Major depressive disorder, single episode; severe, specified as with psychotic behavior
296.25 Major depressive disorder, single episode; in partial or unspecified remission
296.26 Major depressive disorder, single episode; in full remission
296.30 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; unspecified
296.31 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; mild
296.32 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; moderate
296.33 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; severe, without mention of psychotic behavior
296.34 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; severe, specified as with psychotic behavior
296.35 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; in partial or unspecified remission
296.36 Major depressive disorder, recurrent episode; in full remission
296.80 Manic-depressive psychosis, unspecified
296.81 Atypical manic disorder
296.90 Unspecified episodic mood disorder
298.0 Depressive type psychosis
300.0 Anxiety state, unspecified
300.02 Generalized anxiety disorder
300.11 Conversion disorder
300.20 Phobia, unspecified
300.3 Obsessive compulsive disorder
300.4 Neurotic depression; anxiety depression, dysthymic disorder
300.5 Neurasthenia (Use additional code to identify any associated physical disorder)
300.9 Unspecified nonpsychotic mental disorder
301.12 Chronic depressive personality disorder
307.20 Tic disorder, unspecified
307.21 Transient tic disorder
307.22 Chronic motor or vocal tic disorder
307.23 Tourette’s disorder
307.40 Nonorganic sleep disorder, unspecified
307.41 Transient disorder of initiating or maintaining sleep
307.42 Persistent disorder of initiating or maintaining sleep
307.46 Sleep arousal disorder (includes night terrors, sleepwalking)
307.49 Other sleep disorder (eg, short sleeper)
307.50 Eating disorder, unspecified
307.52 Pica
307.59 Other and unspecified disorders of eating; loss of appetite of nonorganic origin
307.6 Enuresis, nonorganic
307.7 Encopresis, nonorganic
307.80 Psychogenic pain, site unspecified
307.81 Tension headache
307.89 Other psychalgia
307.9 Other and unspecified special symptoms or syndromes, not elsewhere classified (NEC); behavior activities (includes nail-biting, hair plucking, thumb sucking)
308.0 Acute reaction to stress; predominant disturbance of emotions
308.1 Acute reaction to stress; predominant disturbance of consciousness
308.2 Acute reaction to stress; predominant psychomotor disturbance
308.3 Other acute reactions to stress
308.4 Mixed disorders as a reaction to stress
308.9 Unspecified acute reaction to stress
309.0 Brief depressive reaction; adjustment disorder with depressed mood
309.1 Prolonged depressive reaction
309.21 Separation anxiety disorder; anaclitic depression
309.24 Adjustment disorder with anxiety
309.28 Adjustment reaction with mixed emotional features; anxiety and depression
309.9 Unspecified adjustment reaction
310.2 Postconcussion syndrome
310.89 Other specified nonpsychotic mental disorders following organic brain damage
310.9 Unspecified nonpsychotic mental disorders following organic brain damage
311 Depressive disorder, NEC
312.30 Impulse control disorder, unspecified
313.1 Misery and unhappiness disorder
313.3 Relationship problems
313.9 Unspecified emotional disturbance of childhood or adolescence
314.00 Attention deficit disorder, without hyperactivity
314.01 Attention deficit disorder, with hyperactivity
315.34 Speech and language developmental delay due to hearing loss
315.39 Other developmental speech or language disorder
317 Mild intellectual disabilities
318.0 Moderate intellectual disabilities
318.1 Severe intellectual disabilities
318.2 Profound intellectual disabilities
319 Unspecified intellectual disabilities

**Substance Dependence/Abuse**
For the following codes (303–305), fifth-digit subclassification is as follows:
0 unspecified
1 continuous
2 episodic
3 in remission

**Dependence**
303.9X Other and unspecified alcohol dependence
304.3X Cannabis dependence
304.4X Amphetamine and other psychostimulant dependence
304.9X Unspecified drug dependence

**Nondependent Abuse of Drugs**
305.0X Alcohol abuse
305.1X Tobacco use disorder
305.2X Cannabis abuse
305.7X Amphetamine or related acting sympathomimetic abuse
305.8X Antidepressant type abuse
305.9X Other mixed, or unspecified drug abuse (eg, caffeine intoxication, laxative habit)

**Symptoms, Signs, and Ill-Defined Conditions**
- Use these codes in absence of a definitive mental diagnosis or when the sign or symptom is not part of the disease course.

780.50 Sleep disturbance, unspecified
780.79 Other malaise and fatigue
780.99 Other general symptoms
789.00 Abdominal pain, unspecified site
984.9 Toxic effect of lead, unspecified lead compound (Use E code in addition)

**NOTE:** The following diagnosis codes are used to deal with occasions when circumstances other than a disease or an injury are recorded as diagnoses or problems. Some carriers may request supporting documentation for the reporting of V codes. These codes may also be reported in addition to the primary ICD-9-CM code to list any contributing factors or those factors that influence the person’s health status but are not in themselves a current illness or injury.
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