

Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services
Family Therapy Codes

DMC-ODS Family Therapy Codes

CPT / HCPCS CODE	CODE SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CODE GUIDANCE AND USAGE	ALLOWABLE DISCIPLINES	DOCUMENTATION TIPS
90846	Family psychotherapy (without the patient present), 50 minutes	May be used on the same day as an individual psychotherapy service when the services are separate and distinct for the patient.	LP, PA, Psy, LCSW, MFT, NP, LPCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The session is for <u>50 minutes</u> and the time range is <u>26 minutes or more</u>. • May involve all family members, only those who are experiencing difficulties, or only those who are willing and able to participate. • The therapist works with the family the help identify challenges in the recovery process and recommendations to support the patient.
90847	Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present), 50 minutes	May be used on the same day as an individual psychotherapy service when the services are separate and distinct for the patient.	LP, PA, Psy, LCSW, MFT, NP, LPCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The session is for <u>50 minutes</u> and the time range is <u>26 minutes or more</u>.
90849	Multiple-family, group psychotherapy	Therapy sessions typically last between 1-2 hours. 90849 should be reported separately for each family group participating.	LP, PA, Psy, LCSW, MFT, NP, LPCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This involved working with families that have a member who has similar developmental or mental disorders • Treatment is focused on the family unit, rather than on the individual