

Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services
Assessment Codes

SMHS Assessment Codes

CPT / HCPCS CODE	CODE SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CODE GUIDANCE AND USAGE	ALLOWABLE DISCIPLINES	DOCUMENTATION TIPS
90791	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation, 15 minutes	<p>Diagnostic interview performed when the provider initially sees a patient.</p> <p>May be reported once per day and not on the same day as an E/M service performed by the same individual for the same patient.</p>	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, NP, CNS, PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation must include a complete medical and psychiatric history, a mental status exam, ordering of laboratory and other diagnostic studies with interpretation, and communication with of sources or informants. Documentation must include total time
90792	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services, 15 minutes	Used for medical services provided in conjunction with the psychiatric diagnostic evaluation	MD/DO, PA, NP, CNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation must include a complete medical and psychiatric history, a mental status exam, ordering of laboratory and other diagnostic studies with interpretation, and communication with of sources or informants. Documentation must include total time
90885	Psychiatric evaluation of hospital records and other accumulated data for medical diagnostic purposes, 15 minutes	<p>Evaluation includes: hospital records, other psychiatric reports, psychometric and/or projective tests and other accumulated data</p> <p>May be separately reported on the same date of service as psychotherapy codes (90832-90838)</p>	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, NP, CNS, PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes evaluation of results of psychometric tests or other evaluations. Records can be from inpatient or outpatient hospitalization, drug or alcohol rehabilitation programs or facilities Documentation must include total time
96105	Assessment of aphasia, per hour	Includes assessment of expressive and receptive speech and language function, language comprehension, speech	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, NP, CNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes face-to-face time with the patient and non-face-to-face time for results interpretation and report preparation. Documentation must include total time

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		production, ability, reading, writing		
96110	Development screening, per standardized instrument	Includes developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay screen with scoring and documentation	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, NP, CNS, PCC, RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation should include the specific screening instrument used
96112 96113	Developmental testing administration, by a physician or other QHP	<p>96112: 1st hour 96113: each additional 30 minutes</p> <p>Includes assessment of fine and/or gross motor, language, cognitive level, social, memory and/or executive functions by standardized developmental instruments</p>	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, NP, CNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When testing exceeds 60 minutes, codes 96112 and 96113 should be utilized for correct billing Documentation must include total time
96116 96121	Neurobehavioral status exam, by a physician or other QHP	<p>96116: 1st hour 96121: each additional 30 minutes</p> <p>Clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgement. Includes acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving and visual spatial abilities</p>	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, NP, CNS, PCC, RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This exam includes both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report When testing exceeds 60 minutes, codes 96116 and 96121 should be utilized for correct billing Documentation must include total time
96125	Standardized cognitive performance testing, per hour	Includes the Ross Information Processing Assessment	MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, PA, NP, CNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This testing includes both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report Documentation must include total time
96127	Brief emotional/behavioral assessment, per standardized instrument	Includes depression inventory, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) scale with scoring	MD/DO, PA, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, NP, CNS, PCC, RN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation should include the specific screening instrument used.

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<p>96130 96131</p>	<p>Psychological testing evaluation by physician or QHP</p>	<p>96130: 1st hour 96131: each additional hour</p> <p>Includes face-to-face time with the patient as well as time spent integrating and interpreting the data</p> <p>These codes do not include time for testing administration and scoring services (96136, 96137, 96138, 96139)</p>	<p>MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, PA, NP, CNS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document evaluation services, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed • Documentation must include total time of the evaluation
<p>96132 96133</p>	<p>Neuropsychological testing evaluation by physician or QHP</p>	<p>96132: 1st hour 96133: each additional hour</p> <p>Includes face-to-face time with the patient as well as time spent integrating and interpreting the data</p> <p>These codes do not include time for testing administration and scoring services (96136, 96137, 96138, 96139)</p>	<p>MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, PA, NP, CNS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document evaluation services, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed • Documentation must include total time for the evaluation
<p>96136 96137</p>	<p>Psychological or neuropsychological testing administration by physician or QHP</p>	<p>96136: 1st 30 minutes 96137: each additional 30 minutes</p> <p>Includes administration and scoring of two or more tests by any method</p> <p>These codes do not include time for testing</p>	<p>MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, PA, NP, CNS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document the specific tests administered and scoring • Documentation must include total time

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		evaluation (96130, 96131, 96132, 96133)		
96138 96139	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration by technician	96138: 1st 30 minutes 96139: each additional 30 minutes Includes administration and scoring of two or more tests by any method These codes do not include time for testing evaluation (96130, 96131, 96132, 96133)	PT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document the specific tests administered and scoring Documentation must include total time
96146	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, 15 minutes	Test administered via a computer providing an automated result, which is interpreted by a QHP	MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, PA, NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document the specific test administered via a computer and the automated results Documentation must include total time
98966 98967 98968	Telephone assessment and management service, 5-10 minutes	Medical discussion via telephone call 98966: 5-10 minutes 98967: 11-20 minutes 98968: 21-30 minutes Code is not reported if phone call refers to a service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an assessment and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment	PA, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, NP, CNS, PCC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These calls involve obtaining a patient's history, assessing the patient's condition, medical decision making and communicating the decision via phone call with the patient Document the date, participant(s) on the call, notation that the phone call was patient-initiated, nature of the service and other pertinent information Document the assertion that the call was not related to a service performed and reported within previous 7 days Documentation must include total time of the phone call assessment
99234 99235 99236	Observation or inpatient hospital care	99234: 45 minutes met or exceeded 99235: 70 minutes met or exceeded 99236: 85 minutes met or exceeded	MD/DO, PA, NP, CNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document total face-to-face (direct patient care) time on date of the encounter Includes admission and discharge on the same date

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<p>99441 99442 99443</p>	<p>Telephone evaluation and management services</p>	<p>99441: 5-10 minutes 99442: 11-20 minutes 99443: 21-30 minutes</p> <p>Used by physician or QHP for medical discussion via telephone call</p> <p>Code is not reported if phone call refers to a service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an assessment and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment</p>	<p>MD/DO, PA, NP, CNS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These calls involve obtaining a patient's history, assessing the patient's condition, medical decision making and communicating the decision via phone call with the patient • Document the date, participant(s) on the call, notation that the phone call was patient-initiated, nature of the service and other pertinent information • Document the assertion that the call was not related to a service performed and reported within previous 7 days • Documentation must include total time of the phone call assessment
<p>H0031</p>	<p>Mental health assessment by non-physician, 15 minutes</p>	<p>In-depth mental health assessment</p> <p>One in-depth assessment per recipient, per year</p>	<p>Pharmacist, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, MFT, PCC, Psychiatric Technician, PA, NP, CNS, RN, LVN, MHRSP, Occupational Therapist, Other Qualified Practitioner, Peer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document the findings of the in-depth mental health assessment, including treatment plan/goals • Documentation must include total time of the assessment
<p>H2000</p>	<p>Comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluation, 15 minutes</p>	<p>Comprehensive evaluation by a multidisciplinary team</p>	<p>MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, PA, Pharm, CNS, NP, RN, LCSW, LVN, OT, PCC, MFT, MHRSP,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document the findings of the comprehensive evaluation and multidisciplinary team members involved in the evaluation • Documentation must include total time of the evaluation

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			PT, Other, Peer	
T1001	Nursing assessment, evaluation, 15 minutes	Assessment/evaluation conducted by a nurse	Psychiatric Technician, NP, CNS, RN, LVN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document the evaluation of the patient by the nurse • Documentation must include total time of the evaluation