

PROVIDER BULLETIN

Provider information



Note: This Bulletin was revised on 12/17/12. See Bulletin P27R1-12 for the revision.

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Substance abuse services revisions

Effective January 7, 2013, the Substance Abuse Services outpatient guidelines listed in the Minnesota Department of Health Minnesota Companion Guides will be updated. There are no significant changes to the inpatient billing guides. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota (Blue Cross) will adopt these guidelines and require providers to bill using the revised coding effective with dates of service on and after January 7, 2013.

The Substance Abuse Services, A.5.3, table 3 includes coding guides for both institutional and professional claim types. Revisions noted below are specific to **outpatient** institutional and professional reporting. The entire grid is available at the Administrative Uniformity Committee (AUC) website:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/auc/instguide.htm>.

A.5.3 – Table 3 Substance Abuse Services

Outpatient Services – Applicable to all providers and settings per applicable contract or established program standards.

Applicable modifiers:

HA – child/adolescent program

HH – integrated (co-occurring) mental health/substance abuse

HQ – group setting

U4 – special population (designed to meet unique program standards such as racial, ethnic or social background)

U5 – substance abuse with medical services

U6 – clients with children (providing or contracting for child care while parent is receiving treatment services)

U9 – all other medication assisted therapy (MAT) drugs (drugs other than Methadone)

UA – MAT methadone plus (“plus” a minimum of 9 additional hours treatment per week)

UB – all other MAT drugs plus (drugs other than Methadone “plus” a minimum of 9 additional hours treatment per week)

99 – multiple modifiers (Note: When more than four modifiers are applied, record the individual modifiers in the procedure description segment.)

Combination codes:

UC – (HH and U5) Integrated mental health/substance abuse and substance abuse with medical services

U1 – (U4 and U6) Special population and clients with children

U2 – (HA and HH) Child/adolescent and integrated mental health/substance abuse program

U3 – (HH and U4) Integrated mental health and special population

Service description	Unit	Revenue code	HCPCS procedure code	Claim type	Type of bill
Outpatient program; treatment only	Hour	0944 or 0945	H2035 (individual) H2035 HQ (group) (HA, HH, U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U6, UC are reported as appropriate)	837I	089x or 013x
Outpatient program; treatment only	Hour	N/A	H2035 (individual) H2035 HQ (group) (HA, HH, U1, U2, U3, U4, U5, U6, UC are reported as appropriate)	837P	N/A
Medication-assisted therapy (MAT) – methadone	Day	0944	H0020 (HH, U2, U3, U4, U5, UA UC may be appropriate)	837I	089x or 013x
All other medication-assisted therapy (MAT) drugs	Day	0944	H0047 – U9 (HA, HH, U2, U3, U4, U5, UB, UC may be reported as appropriate)	837I (LIN segment to identify drug)	089x or 013x
Medication-assisted therapy (MAT) – methadone	Day	N/A	H0020 (HH, U2, U3, U4, U5, UA, UC may be appropriate)	837P	N/A
All other medication-assisted therapy (MAT) drugs	Day	N/A	H0047 – U9 (HA, HH, U2, U3, U4, U5, UB, UC may be reported as appropriate)	837P (LIN segment to identify drug)	N/A
Alcohol and/or drug assessment	Session/visit	0900	H0001	837I	As appropriate
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Outpatient ancillary services	Based on revenue code	As appropriate		837I	089x or 013x

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursement is subject to changes, updates or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (for example, HCPCS, CPT, ICD-9-CM), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.