

Pennsylvania Crosswalk of HealthySteps-Aligned Services with Billing Codes and Provider Types

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About This Document

Have you ever wanted a list of the reimbursable HealthySteps (HS)-aligned services and a corresponding list of providers who can render these specific “open” codes in Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program? If so, this document will provide you with helpful guidance. Knowing the HS-aligned services open in Pennsylvania’s Medicaid program, their associated billing codes, and the professionals eligible to render the service and/or receive insurance carrier reimbursement for each service will assist your site in understanding potential billing opportunities and may assist you in the decision-making process when hiring a HS Specialist.

The following table outlines HS-aligned services, the service types, and the providers who can provide and/or render the services. At the bottom of the table, you will find a tally of the number of billable codes for each provider type.

In summary, the top four provider types with the most opportunities to currently bill for HS-aligned services in Pennsylvania, under Medicaid are:

- Licensed Psychologist
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)
- Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (LMFT)

Disclaimer: This document is not intended to give billing advice or guidance to any specific provider or HealthySteps site and does not consider the fact that payors, providers, and sites may have their own policies and procedures that may affect or prohibit implementation of these recommendations. Additionally, billing guidance is updated often. If there are any updates you recommend, please reach out to HSPolicyandFinance@zerotothree.org.

Service Description	Service Billing Codes	Physician (MD/DO)	Physician Assistant & Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner	Certified Nurse Midwife	Psychologist	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	Licensed Professional Counselor	Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist
Developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument (ASQ-3, M-CHAT-R, PEDS, SWYC, CSBS, DP)	96110	X	X					
Social emotional/ brief emotional/behavioral assessment	96127	X	X		X			
Caregiver-focused health risk assessment	96161	X	X	X				
Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation	90791				X	X	X	X
Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient or family member/45 minutes with patient or family member/ 60 minutes with patient or family member	90832/90834/90837				X	X	X	X
Family psychotherapy without patient present/with patient present	90846/90847				X	X	X	X
Group psychotherapy (<i>other than multiple-family group</i>)	90853				X	X	X	X
Interactive complexity	+90785				X	X	X	X
Psychotherapy for crisis; first 60 minutes/each additional 30 minutes/	90839/90840				X	X	X	X
Health and behavior assessment or re-assessment Health and behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face; initial 30 minutes/ each additional 15 minutes	96156/96158/96159	X	X		X	X	X	X
Developmental test administration; first hour/each additional 30 minutes	96112/96113	X						
Psychological testing and evaluation; first hour/each additional hour after the 1 st hour of service	96130/96131	X			X	X	X	X
Preventive medicine counseling and risk factor reduction intervention; 15 minutes	99401	X	X	X				
Case management	99484	X	X	X - as part of the care management team, where services are billed under the PCP's provider number.				
Number of Billable Codes Eligible for Reimbursement		12	8	2	13	14	14	14

Notes:

- ***Coding and billing guidance publicly available in Pennsylvania through PA Medicaid/MCO contracts and provider manuals has conflicting information. Therefore, it is highly recommended that clinics verify directly with insurance carriers for clarification on coding and billing for psychiatric diagnostic evaluation, psychotherapy and health and behavior assessment, and/or intervention services.***
 - Pennsylvania's Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) periodicity schedule reflects recommendations for pediatric care at intervals established by the American Academy of Pediatrics' (AAP) Bright Futures screening schedule. Developmental screenings (96110) should be administered at 9, 18, and 30 months. Autism screenings (96110-U1 Modifier required) should be administered at 18 and 24 months. Post-partum depression screenings (96161) should be administered at 1, 2, 4, and 6 months.
 - MDs, PAs, and CRNPs may bill for one developmental screening and one screening for Autism Medicaid member on the same day. CPT code 96110 related to autism screenings must be submitted with modifier U1. CPT code 96110 billed without U1 modifier specifies the service is related to developmental screenings.
 - Every behavioral health service reported on a claim must be within the scope of practice of the licensed professional (with appropriate certification and/or training for the service) of whom renders or supervises the service and must be performed in accordance with any supervision requirements established in law, regulation, statute, or rule.
 - U2 Modifier may be required for providers billing for CPT Code 99401. Insurance verification is highly recommended.
 - PA Medicaid does reimburse for preventive medicine counseling and risk factor reduction intervention for 15 minutes (non-covered CPT codes: 99402, 99403, & 99404).
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers/Rural Health Centers should bill T1015 with each encounter.
 - Telehealth services: Any service delivered using telehealth technology must be appropriate for telehealth delivery and be of the same quality and otherwise on par with the same service delivered in person. A telehealth encounter must maintain the confidentiality and security of protected health information in accordance with applicable state and federal law. For purposes of Pennsylvania Medicaid reimbursement, telehealth is the use of interactive audio, video, or other electronic media for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment that occurs in real-time and when the member is actively participating during the transmission. Additionally, GT Modifier is required for any services delivered via secured video-conferencing or other allowable telehealth delivery methods.
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