The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership/Health New England Be Healthy (MBHP/HNE BH) announces that psychiatric consults are now expanded to include emergency department (ED) settings for all MBHP/HNE BH-covered individuals effective June 1, 2015.

Psychiatric consults may be provided by any psychiatrist who meets MBHP/HNE BH’s credentialing criteria for a psychiatrist, child psychiatrist or an adult, adolescent, child, or family-trained psychiatric nurse mental health clinical specialist (PNMHCS) who is credentialed with the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).


Psychiatric consults conducted in the ED shall not replace the referral to the ESP/MCI. It is expected that the hospital ED notify the local ESP as soon as a medical clearance is completed, as required by each hospital ED’s protocol, and that there be coordination with the ESP.

Psychiatric consultations do not require prior authorizations. The following service codes that may be used are as follows:

99241 Consultation (POS 23)
A problem-focused history
A problem-focused examination; and
Straightforward decision making

99242 Consultation (POS 23)
An expanded, problem-focused history
An expanded, problem-focused examination
Straightforward decision making

99243 Consultation (POS 23)
A detailed history
A detailed examination
Decision making of low complexity
9244 Consultation (POS 23)
A comprehensive history
A comprehensive examination
Decision making of moderate complexity

99245 Consultation (POS 23)
A comprehensive history
A comprehensive examination
Decision making of high complexity

99281 Emergency Department Visit (POS 23)
A problem-focused history
A problem-focused examination; and
Straightforward decision making

99282 Emergency Department Visit (POS 23)
An expanded, problem-focused history
An expanded, problem-focused examination
Decision making of low complexity

99283 Emergency Department Visit (POS 23)
An expanded, problem-focused history
An expanded, problem-focused examination
Decision making of moderate complexity

99284 Emergency Department Visit (POS 23)
A detailed history
A detailed examination
Decision making of moderate complexity

99285 Emergency Department Visit (POS 23)
A comprehensive history
A comprehensive examination
Decision making of high complexity

The correct modifiers to use following the CPT codes are:

U6 – American Board-certified Psychiatrist
UG – American Board-certified Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist
SA – Adult Psychiatric Nurse Mental Health Clinical Specialist
UF – Child/Adolescent/Family Psychiatric Nurse Mental Health Clinical Specialist

The correct Place of Service (POS) code to use is 23.

If you are currently contracted with MBHP/HNE BH, please sign and date the Exhibit A (contract) that has been sent to the CEO of your organization. If you are not currently contracted or do not know, please e-mail Garland Russell, director of Network Operations at MBHPNetworkManagement@beaconhealthoptions.com.
If you have questions regarding this Alert, please contact our Community Relations Department at 1-800-495-0086 (press 1 for the English menu or 2 for the Spanish menu, then 3 then 1 to skip prompts), Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You may also contact your MBHP/HNE BH regional director with questions regarding the matters delineated in this Alert.

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