

How do I code when administering for PSC-35 or CANS?

(Please refer to your specific provider role and beneficiary status below.)

Provider Role: Clinician

Beneficiary: *Not* Pathways to Wellbeing or Intensive Service case

- **Initial: 96127-4 (Brief Emotional/Behavioral Assessment)** can be used to capture time spent administering, scoring and documenting the measures.
- **Reassessment/Urgent: 96127-4 (Brief Emotional/Behavioral Assessment)** can be used to capture time spent administering/updating, scoring and documenting the measure.
- **Discharge: 96127-4 (Brief Emotional/Behavioral Assessment)** can be used to capture time spent administering/updating, scoring and documenting the measure.
- **Please Note**, if you are interpreting and discussing the results of the measure with the beneficiary and or significant support person after administering and scoring, then you can use the add-on code **90887-4 (Interpretation or explanation of psychiatric or other medical procedure to family or other responsible member)** in addition to your primary code of 96127 to capture the additional service time.
- **Administrative Discharge:** A nonbillable assessment code, **70899-417 (NonBillable BH Mental Health Assessment Svcs)**, code best describes this activity since it is an administrative task.

Provider Role: MHS/MHRS (CYS/AOA contract providers and AOA county only)

Beneficiary: *Not* Pathways to Wellbeing or Intensive Service case

- **Initial: 70899-418 (Assessment by non-physician)** can be used to capture time spent administering, gathering information, scoring and discussing the results if through direct patient care. *
- **Reassessment/Urgent: 70899-422 (Mental health plan developed by non-physician)** can be used to capture time spent administering, scoring, updating/monitoring progress and discussing the results if through direct patient care. *
- **Discharge: 70899-422 (Mental health plan developed by non-physician)** can be used to capture time spent administering, scoring, updating/monitoring progress and discussing the results at discharge if through direct patient care. *
- **Administrative Discharge:** A nonbillable assessment code, **70899-417 (NonBillable BH Mental Health Assessment Svcs)**, code best describes this activity since it is an administrative task.

Provider Role: Clinician and MHRS (CYS/AOA contract providers and AOA county only)

Beneficiary: Pathways to Wellbeing or Intensive Services case

- **Initial, Reassessment/Urgent, Discharge: 70899-412 (Targeted Case Management (ICC) w/HK modifier)** can be used to capture time spent administering, scoring, updating/monitoring progress and discussing the results if through direct patient care. *
- **Administrative Discharge:** A nonbillable TCM code, **70899-402 (NonBillable BH Case Management Svcs)** best describes this activity since it is an administrative task.

**Direct Patient Care: time spent directly with a beneficiary as well as with caregiver, significant support person and other professionals invested in the beneficiary's care. Time before or after the beneficiary/caregiver/significant support person leaves the session is nonbillable.*