

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT CPT CODES AND UNIT CALCULATIONS FOR CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION PROGRAM

NOTE: Payment and session counts are based on units billed on the CMS1500 form.

CPT CODE	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
90791	Intake - Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination	1 to 2 units/hours
90792	Intake – Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination with med management	1 to 2 units/hours
90832	Individual psychotherapy	30 minutes (.5 unit/hour)
90834	Individual psychotherapy	45 minutes (1 unit/hour)
90837	Individual psychotherapy	60 minutes (1 unit/hour) or longer based on units billed
90846	Family psychotherapy, <i>without</i> the patient present	1 to 2 units/hours
90847	Family psychotherapy (including conjoint), <i>with</i> the patient present	1 to 2 units/hours
90853	Group psychotherapy	1 to 2 units/hours
90863	Pharmacologic Management – for pharmacologic management <i>with</i> counseling this code must be used in conjunction with 90832, 90834 or 90837 (whichever is appropriate) as a separate line item on the CMS1500 form	30 minutes (.5 unit/hour) to 1 unit/hour
90876	Biofeedback – limit 10 units/hours per application	45 minutes (1 unit/hour)
90880	Hypnotherapy – limit 10 units/hours per application	45 to 60 minutes (1 unit/hour)
90887	Collateral – limit 3 units/hours for adults, 6 units/hours for minors per application	45 to 60 minutes (1 unit/hour)
96101, 96102	Testing, psychological – submission of test results and evaluation of results are required	up to 8 units/hours
96118, 96119, 96120	Testing, neuropsychological – submission of test results and evaluation of results are required	up to 8 units/hours
98968	Telephone therapy (<i>non-psychiatrist</i>) - limit 3 units/hours per application	30 minutes (.5 unit/hour) to 1 unit/hour
99443	Telephone therapy (<i>psychiatrist</i>), – limit 3 units/hours per application	30 minutes (.5 unit/hour) to 1 unit/hour

Note: CPT code 90785 is an interactive complexity add-on code that is not a payable expense. This code only indicates that the treatment is complex in nature.

Unit Calculations (Individual/Family Therapy)

Unit(s) on CMS1500	Applied to Session Count	Time
.5	½ Session	Up to 44 min.
1	1 Session	45 - 74 min.
1.5	1 ½ Sessions	75 - 104 min.
2	2 Sessions	105 - 120 min.

Unit Calculations (Group Therapy)

Unit(s) on CMS1500	Applied to Session Count	Time
.5	½ Session	60 min.
1	1 Session	120 min.
1.5	1 ½ Sessions	180 min.
2	2 Sessions	240 min.