

Medicaid Short Term Behavioral Health Codes Change effective 7/1/25

Effective July 1, 2025, Primary Care Providers (PCPs) can bill Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) codes and Collaborative Care Model (CoCM) codes to the Denver Health Medical Plan (DHMP). The Department of Health Care Policy and Finance (HCPF) is subsequently transitioning the Short-Term Behavioral Health (STBH) Services Benefit from the Physical Health program to the Behavioral Health Capitation with the Regional Accountable Entity (RAE). The standard psychotherapy and psychiatric diagnostic evaluation services that were billable under the STBH Benefit will continue to be covered by Medicaid when provided in a PCP setting, however, these specific services must be billed directly to the member’s RAE effective July 1, 2025.

Additional information on Provider payments for Elevate Medicaid Choice Members are as follows:

- » Physical health care claims for Elevate Medicaid Choice members continue to be paid by DHMP
- » Behavioral health care services covered under the behavioral health capitation benefit for Elevate Medicaid Choice Members will be paid by the RAE, Colorado Access (COA).

Who Pay’s

Service Type	DHMP Elevate Medicaid Choice Members
Physical Health Services	Bills sent to and paid by DHMP following DHMP claims and authorization methodology.
Behavioral Health Services	Bills sent to and paid by the RAE (COA)
Short Term Behavioral Health (STBH) Service Codes* (Previously known as the Six Behavioral Health Sessions) at PCMP Practice	PCPs bill these codes to the RAE (COA) following COA’s methodology on procedure codes and licensure. Paid by COA under the RAE behavioral health benefit.
Integrated Care Benefit (HBAI and CoCM Codes)*	PCPs bill these codes to DHMP using the 0900 revenue code/ rate.

*HBAI Procedure Codes	Rate (80% Medicare)	*CoCM Procedure Codes	Rate (80% Medicare)
96156	\$80.35	99484	\$119.40
96158	\$55.14	99492	\$109.27
96159	\$18.92	99493	\$45.95
96164	\$8.39	99494	\$43.91
96165	\$3.96	G0323	\$44.65
96167	\$58.55	G2214	\$119.40
96168	\$20.98		
96170	\$61.00		
96171	\$22.08		

***STBH Psychotherapy Codes and Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation Services:** 90791, 90792, 90832, 90834, 90837, 90846, 90847

Frequently Asked Questions:

- Integrated Behavioral Health: Any updates on what the first six visits covered for Behavioral Health (BH) visits in the current system will look like in ACC Phase III?
- » Short term BH visits (six visits) were previously billed to DHMP; these psychotherapy codes and psychiatric diagnostic evaluation codes will now be billed to the RAE and there is no limit on the number of visits.
Are HBAI and CoCM codes billed to RAEs or to DHMP?
 - » HBAI and CoCM codes are two new code sets available to providers in July. These will be billed to DHMP for Elevate Medicaid Choice Members. STBH Psychotherapy codes and Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation will now be billed to Colorado Access (previously billed to DHMP).
Can a link to Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes encompassed under HBAI and CoCM codes be shared?
 - Details about the integrated behavioral health payment will be shared at a future date via the HCPF website.