



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AVATAR INFORMATION NOTICE

TOPIC: SERVICE CODE UPDATES: G2212 SUNSETTING

Policies, Processes and/or Staff Affected

Date	6/27/24
Change / Update	Service Code Update: Eliminating G2212
Relevant Staff	MHP System-Wide LPHA Providers, Supervisors, Managers DMC-ODS System-Wide LPHA Providers, Sups, Managers



Summary

Beginning on 7/1/24, LPHA providers will no longer utilize the add-on service code G2212 to prolong time for their services.

DHCS is *eliminating the add-on code G2212* and replacing its use with new billing rules. In most instances, this change will make it easier for providers to claim for time spent providing services.

This change does not impact non-LPHA staff.

What is Changing / How are we addressing this in Avatar?

To allow providers to correctly bill for services effective 7/1/24, the County billing team has made the following changes:

- Codes in the tables below have “new” matching codes for each of the impacted “old” codes and the “new” codes no longer use add-on code G2212. These codes no longer require any add-on code to extend the service time. Avatar will address the proper billing code, based on service duration, in the background.
- For DMC-ODS programs, codes highlighted in blue below will not have “new” codes. These service codes do not use any add-on codes and cannot be claimed beyond 60 minutes.

For services that occur before, and including, June 30, 2024, staff will select the “old” service code and utilize the add-on code G2212 when appropriate, based on the time providing the service – this is the process providers are used to and have been doing since last summer.

For services that occur July 1, 2024, and onward, staff will select the “new” matching service codes recently created. These codes have “n”/“N” attached to the code (for “new”).

NOTE: To allow all clinicians time to finalize notes for services provided prior to 7/1/24, there will be a period of time both the “old” codes” and “new” codes will be visible in Avatar.

Examples: "n 90832-90837 Psychotherapy (M90832NS)"

"old" DMC-ODS code	new DMC-ODS code	"old" MHP code	new MHP code
ODF 90791 (A90791)	n ODF 90791 (A90791N)	M90791	n M90791 ... (M90791N)
IOT 90885 (AIO90885)	n IOT 90885 (AIO90885N)	M80885	n M90885 ... (90885N)

Impacted Service Codes – DMC-ODS – Outpatient / Intensive Outpatient

LPHA: Psychologists & Associates, LCSW, LPCC, LMFT & Associates, Medical Staff (MD, PA, NP, CNS)		Medical Staff Only (MD, PA, NP, CNS)	
90791	Psych Diagnostic Evaluation	90792	Psych Diagnostic Evaluation with Medical Services
90846	Family Psychotherapy w/out Patient	99408S	SUD Screening and SBI (maximum 60 minutes Direct Service Time entry)
90847	Family Psychotherapy with Patient		
90849	Multiple-Family Group Psychotherapy		
90885	Psych Eval of Med Records and Tests		
99368	Medical Team Conference Non-Physician (maximum 60 minutes Direct Service Time entry)		

Impacted Service Codes – DMC-ODS – NTP

LPHA: Psychologists & Associates, LCSW, LPCC, LMFT & Associates, Medical Staff (MD, PA, NP, CNS)		Medical Staff Only (MD, PA, NP, CNS)	
90846	Family Psychotherapy w/out Patient	99408S	SUD Screening and SBI (maximum 60 minutes Direct Service Time entry)
90847	Family Psychotherapy with Patient		
90849	Multiple-Family Group Psychotherapy		
99368	Medical Team Conference Non-Physician (maximum 60 minutes Direct Service Time entry)		

Impacted Service Codes – DMC-ODS – Residential including Withdrawal Management

LPHA: Psychologists & Associates, LCSW, LPCC, LMFT & Associates, Medical Staff (MD, PA, NP, CNS)		Medical Staff Only (MD, PA, NP, CNS)	
99368	Medical Team Conference Non-Physician (maximum 60 minutes Direct Service Time entry)	N/A	

Impacted Service Codes – Mental Health Plan

LPHA: Psychologists & Associates, LCSW, LPCC, LMFT & Associates, Medical Staff (MD, PA, NP, CNS)		Medical Staff Only (MD, PA, NP, CNS) – Not FQHC providers	
90791	Psych Diagnostic Evaluation	90792	Psych Diagnostic Evaluation with Medical Services
90847	Family Psychotherapy with Patient		
90849	Multiple-Family Group Psychotherapy		
90853	Group Psychotherapy		
90885	Psych Eval of Med Records and Tests		
90832S	Psychotherapy		

Resources

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Pages/MedCCC-Library.aspx>

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