

Introduction

The purpose of this memo is to highlight changes for DMC-ODS providers outlined in Behavioral Health Information Notice [\(BHIN\) 21-075](#) regarding claiming for collateral and consultation services.

Collateral Services

Prior: Collateral was defined as a unique service component of the DMC-ODS service modalities; all DMC-ODS providers had the ability to bill for collateral services using the collateral services billing codes, based on level of care (A1140, A1240, A1440, A1540, A2140, A2240, A2440, A2540).

Current: Effective *immediately*, providers will no longer utilize the collateral services billing codes. (For details on correct billing code selection, see [CaAIM BHIN FAQ #11](#)).

Per State Plan Amendment [\(SPA\) 21-0058](#) & BHIN 21-075, effective 1/1/2022:

- Collateral service is *no longer* defined as a unique service component of the DMC-ODS service modalities. The concept of including a collateral in a beneficiary's substance use disorder treatment has been incorporated into assessment services, individual counseling and family therapy.
- The collateral services billing codes will become *inactive*

Consultation Services

The service code "physician consultation" has been updated, and is now called "clinician consultation." The service codes, based on level of care, that were identified for *physician consultation* (A1106, A1206, A1306, A1406, A1506, A1706, A2106, A2206, A2306, A2406, A2506, A2706) have now been assigned to *clinician consultation*.

Prior: Physician consultation services were designed to assist DMC-ODS physicians to seek expert advice from other physicians; this service was only billable for consultation between physicians.

Current: Clinician consultation includes consultation *between LPHA clinicians* designed to assist them with seeking expert advice on treatment needs for specific DMC-ODS beneficiaries.

Reminder: Who is a DMC-ODS LPHA?

- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioner
- Physician Assistant
- Registered Nurse
- Registered Pharmacist
- Licensed Clinicians (Licensed Psychologist, LCSW, LPCC, LMFT)
- Licensed-eligible practitioners registered with BBS & Board of Psychology working under the supervision of a licensed clinician

Clinician consultation:

- Occurs in person, by telehealth or by telephone
- Is not a direct service, but rather is intended to support a DMC-ODS LPHA with complex cases and may address: medication selection, dosing, side effect management, adherence, drug to drug interactions or level of care considerations

References

- Behavioral Health Information Notice 21-075: [BHIN 21-075](#)
- State Plan Amendment 21-0058: [SPA 21-0058](#)
- CalAIM BHIN Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQ](#)