

# Behavioral Health Services to Change for the CSHCN Services Program

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**Note:** For the purposes of this article, “advanced practice registered nurse (APRN)” includes nurse practitioner (NP) and clinical nurse specialist (CNS) providers only.

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, benefit criteria for behavioral health services will change for the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program.

Behavioral health services will no longer be a benefit when services are performed in the following places of service: skilled nursing facility, independent laboratory, birthing center, nursing home, or other (place of service 9).

The following procedure codes will no longer be a benefit for federally qualified health centers (FQHC) when services are performed in the inpatient hospital setting:

Procedure Codes						
90791	90792	90832	90833	90834	90836	90837
90838	90847	96101	96118			

Psychiatric diagnostic evaluations (procedure codes 90791 and 90792) are limited to once per day, per client, any provider, regardless of the number of professionals involved in the interview.

Some mental health services may be provided by distant site providers through telemedicine or telehealth. Providers may refer to the current *CSHCN Services Program Provider Manual, Telecommunication Services* chapter, for additional information.

## Psychotherapy

When submitting claims for prolonged psychotherapy services using evaluation and management procedure codes 99354 and 99355, providers must also submit one of the following appropriate psychotherapy procedure codes to indicate the prolonged service is psychotherapy related: 90833, 90836, or 90838.

## Family Psychotherapy

Procedure code 90846 will be a benefit as follows:

Place of Service	Payable Provider Types
Office, home, and outpatient hospital	Physician assistant, APRN, licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), psychologist, physician, and FQHC providers
Inpatient hospital	Physician assistant, APRN, psychologist, and physician providers

Procedure code 90846 will be included as a 50-minute time increment in the 12-hour system limitation for behavioral health services. Procedure code 90846 will also be included in the 30 encounter per calendar year limitation for behavioral health services.

## **Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing**

Procedure code 96116 will be a benefit for FQHC providers when services are performed in the office and outpatient settings. Procedure code 96116 will be included in the 30 encounter per calendar year limitation for behavioral health services.

Procedure code 96118 will be a benefit for hospital providers when services are performed in the inpatient hospital setting.

## **Services that are Not a Benefit**

Procedure codes 90845 and 90865 will no longer be benefits of the CSHCN Services Program.

For more information, call the TMHP-CSHCN Services Program Contact Center at 1-800-568-2413.