

THW support for IET patients



How Community Health Workers (CHWs), Peer Support Specialists (PSSs) and Peer Wellness Specialists (PWSs) can support the Initiation and Engagement of Substance Use Disorder Treatment (IET) incentive measure.

Background information: IET measures the rate of patients ages 18 years and older with an episode of substance use disorder (SUD) who initiate treatment within 14 days of the episode and engage in ongoing SUD treatment within 34 days of initiating treatment. When a patient receives a SUD diagnosis, prompt coordination of care and treatment are vital. Certain THWs can bill the following codes to satisfy both the Initiation and Engagement phases of the IET measure. Completing one encounter from the table below within 14 days of a patient's SUD episode date will satisfy the Initiation phase. Completing two encounters within 34 days of the patient's Initiation date will satisfy the Engagement phase.

- CHWs should bill for most services in 30-minute units. A CHW is limited to billing four (4) units per 24-hours per patient, with a maximum of eight (8) units per calendar month per patient. Please refer to EOCCO's [THW Billing Guide](#) for complete requirements surrounding billing for THWs.
- Full measure specifications can be found here: [OHA Internal Measure Steward Information](#).
- Billed visits must include a qualifying diagnosis code from the Alcohol Abuse and Dependence, Opioid Abuse and Dependence, or Other Drug Abuse and Dependence value sets.

Who can bill?	Code	Visit description	Code type	Value set
CHWs only	98960	Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, nonphysician health care professional using a standardized curriculum, face to-face with the patient for 30 minutes	CPT	BH Outpatient
	98961	(see 98960); for 2-4 patients	CPT	BH Outpatient
	98962	(see 98960); for 5-8 patients	CPT	BH Outpatient
	99211	Office or other outpatient visits for the evaluation and management of an established patient. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are minimal; typically 5 minutes	CPT	BH Outpatient
	99401	Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes	CPT	BH Outpatient
	99402	(see 99401); for approximately 30 minutes	CPT	BH Outpatient
	99403	(see 99401); for approximately 45 minutes	CPT	BH Outpatient
	99404	(see 99401); for approximately 60 minutes	CPT	BH Outpatient
	99408	Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured screening (e.g., AUDIT, DAST), and brief intervention (SBI) services; 15 to 30 minutes	CPT	SUD Services
	99409	(see 99408); for greater than 30 minutes	CPT	SUD Services
	G0176	Activity therapy, such as music, dance, art or play therapies not for recreation, related to the care and treatment of patient's disabling mental health problems; 45 minutes or more	HCPCS	BH Outpatient
CHWs, PWSs, and PSSs	H0034	Medication training and support, per 15 minutes	HCPCS	BH Outpatient
	G0177	Training and educational services related to the care and treatment of patients disabling mental health problems; 45 minutes or more	HCPCS	BH Outpatient
PWSs and PSSs	H2014	Skills training and development, per 15 minutes	HCPCS	BH Outpatient
	H0039	Assertive community treatment, face-to-face, per 15 minutes	HCPCS	BH Outpatient
	H2011	Crisis intervention service, per 15 minutes	HCPCS	BH Outpatient

Questions? We're here to help.

Please contact EOCCOMetrics@modahealth.com with questions about the IET incentive measure.

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