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CMS Easing Physician Supervision Requirements for 27 Outpatient Therapy Services

Effective July 1, 2012, CMS is accepting their Hospital Outpatient Payment Panel's recommendations that change the requirement for 27 outpatient services from direct supervision to general supervision. In 2010, CMS had changed their rule that required direct physician supervision for many outpatient services that previously had been under general supervision. There had been many complaints that the increased supervision requirements placed. This announcement changes the requirement for 27 services.

Changes in Services: These services may be conducted under general supervision in accordance with applicable Medicare regulations and policies:

- HCPCS code 90804, *Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 20 to 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90806, *Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 45 to 50 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90808, *Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 75 to 80 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90810, *Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 20 to 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90812, *Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 45 to 50 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90814, *Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an office or outpatient facility, approximately 75 to 80 minutes face-to-face with the patient*

- HCPCS code 90816, *Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 20 to 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90818, *Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90821, *Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 75 to 80 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90823, *Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 20 to 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90826, *Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90828, *Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an inpatient hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 75 to 80 minutes face-to-face with the patient*
- HCPCS code 90846, *Family psychotherapy (without the patient present)*
- HCPCS code 90847, *Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present)*
- HCPCS code 90849, *Multiple-family group psychotherapy*
- HCPCS code 90853, *Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group)*
- HCPCS code 90857, *Interactive group psychotherapy*
- HCPCS code G0177, *Training and educational services related to the care and treatment of patient's disabling mental health problems per session (45 minutes or more)*
- HCPCS code G0410, *Group psychotherapy other than of a multiple-family group, in a partial hospitalization setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes*
- HCPCS code G0411, *Interactive group psychotherapy, in a partial hospitalization setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes*
- HCPCS code 51701, *Insertion of non-indwelling bladder catheter (eg, straight catheterization for residual urine)*
- HCPCS code 90471, *Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)*
- HCPCS code 90472, *Immunization administration (includes percutaneous, intradermal, subcutaneous, or intramuscular injections); each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)*

- HCPCS code 90473, *Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; 1 vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid)*
- HCPCS code 90474, *Immunization administration by intranasal or oral route; each additional vaccine (single or combination vaccine/toxoid) (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)*
- HCPCS code 99406, *Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes*
- HCPCS code 99407, *Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than 10 minutes*

CMS did not accept the Panel's recommendation that CMS designate HCPCS code 94640, *Pressurized or nonpressurized inhalation treatment for acute airway obstruction or for sputum induction for diagnostic purposes (eg, with an aerosol generator, nebulizer, metered dose inhaler or intermittent positive pressure breathing [IPPB] device)*, as a non-surgical extended duration therapeutic service. Therefore, direct supervision is required for HCPCS code 94640.

Sources: <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/FACA/Downloads/PrelimSupervisionDecisions.pdf>