

Mental Health Billing Tips

BI-PED PROJECT (BRIEF INTERVENTIONS: PEDIATRICS)

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CPT codes:

96110 Developmental testing limited (screening tools such as Vanderbilt, Conners, MCHAT, PSC, ASQ, PEDS, GAPS)

- **96110: “Developmental Testing—Limited”**
 - **Limited behavioral/emotional “testing” with interpretation and report**
 - **At this time, this is the only CPT code available for the non-interactive screening and rating scales used in MH care**
 - **Expectation is that the screening tool will be completed by a non-physician staff member and reviewed by the physician**
 - **Record the review in the chart (e.g. Vanderbilt scoring reveals evidence of ADHD of the inattentive subtype)**
 - **Reported in addition to E&M services provided on *same date* with modifier**
- **Use one unit for each individual rating scale administered, scored and interpreted**
 - **If mother, classroom teacher and special ed teacher each completed Vanderbilt Scales, then code as 96110(3)**

Append modifier -25 to E/M to show the E/M is a separate and identifiable service by the same physician on the same day e.g. 99215-25 + 96110(3)

99240: health risk assessment (Depression scales, SCARED)

99215: Comprehensive office visit (can use if visit is 40 minutes and over 50% of visit is counseling- *can bill if parent is present and patient is not*)

99214 can be used for visits of 20 minutes and over 50% of visit is counseling (e.g. may be used for follow up visits to check on how patient is doing or medication follow up)

99354: Extended face to face time for the next 30-74 minutes after the initial 40 minutes (e.g. can use if the actual time spent is between 70-114 minutes)

***Be careful to document what was discussed, the time spent on the visit and the time spent counseling**

ICD (Best to avoid V codes)

314.01 ADHD

309.9 Adjustment Disorder

Depression Alternative Codes: (if depression diagnosis is not covered)

- **780.51 Sleep disorder, unspecified**
- **780.52 Insomnia, unspecified**
- **780.7 Malaise and fatigue**
- **783.0 Anorexia**
- **783.1 Abnormal weight gain**
- **783.21 Abnormal loss of weight**
- **780.95 Excessive crying of child, adolescent or adult**
- **799.22 Irritability**
- **799.24 Emotional lability**

Anxiety Alternative Codes: (if anxiety diagnosis is not covered)

- **780.51 Sleep disorder, unspecified**
- **780.52 Insomnia, unspecified**
- **784.0 Headache, NOS**
- **785.0 Tachycardia**
- **785.1 Palpitations**
- **786.05 Shortness of Breath**
- **786.50 Chest pain, unspecified**
- **789.0 Abdominal pain**
- **799.21 Nervousness**
- **799.24 Emotional lability**

References

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