

Coverage of asthma education, preventive services, and home assessments: Selected examples of medical billing codes used to cover services

Medical billing codes help to provide uniform reporting of procedures performed and devices, supplies, and equipment acquired for or provided to a patient. Medicaid billing codes for asthma care services can vary according to state and what services are covered by Medicaid in that particular state. This applies to both the type of provider delivering the service, the length of the service provided, and the service itself, such as home-based asthma education, home assessments, and products that support environmental management of asthma triggers. Some common coding systems include:¹

CPT (Current Procedural Terminology)

Current Procedural Terminology Codes, also known as CPT codes, were developed by the American Medical Association to communicate uniform information about medical services and procedures. Each CPT code has five digits. The AMA CPT Editorial Panel reviews and responds to requests for additions to or revisions of the CPT.

HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedures Coding System)

HCPCS codes are used to report supplies, equipment, and devices provided to patients. A limited number of procedures not otherwise contained in the CPT system are also found here. HCPCS is alphanumeric and is administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in cooperation with other third party payers. CMS includes two levels in its Healthcare Common Procedures Coding System: HCPCS Level I is the CPT coding system; HCPCS Level II is usually referred to as HCPCS codes, described above.

Type of code	Code	Brief description	Example of state where this code is used	Resources/Notes
Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Code (HCPCS)	T1017	Targeted case management, each 15 minutes	OR (Multnomah County)	www.hipaaspace.com/Medical_Billing/Coding/Healthcare.Common.Procedure.Coding.System/T1017 The <u>Multnomah County healthy homes program</u> is currently billing fee-for-service with plans to merge services into the ACA managed care.

¹ http://www.asha.org/practice/reimbursement/coding/code_intro/

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Revenue code (to be reported with appropriate CPT or HCPCS code)	0551	Skilled nursing (Home Health & CORFs only) visit charge	MI	<p>http://valuehealthcareservices.com/education/understanding-hospital-revenue-codes/ www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/file/2984/download?token=KBicAC9-</p> <p>Per www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org this code may be used for nurses, respiratory therapists, or masters-level social workers. The Asthma Network of West Michigan bills on a fee-for-service basis for home visits, including school visits or visits with a primary care provider to review the Asthma Action Plan.</p>
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)	99402, 99401 (see also 99403, 990404)	Preventive Medicine, Individual Counseling, and/or Risk Factor Reduction Intervention Provided to an Individual as a Separate Procedure (15-60 minutes)	MO	<p>http://healthykc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Asthma_Ready.pdf (see footnote on final page) www.oxhp.com/secure/policy/preventive_medicine_screening_codes_1211.html http://preventionpays.org/BillingInfo-PDFs/BillingInfo-WomensScreening.pdf</p>
Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)	98960, 98961, 98962	Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, nonphysician health care professional (separate code for education provided to individual patients, 2-patients, 5-8 patients)	MO	<p>http://healthykc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Asthma_Ready.pdf (see footnote on final page) www.oxhp.com/secure/policy/nonphysician_health_care_codes_policy.pdf www.codingahead.com/2011/10/what-are-cpt-codes-used-to-bill-for_22.html</p>

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Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Code (HCPCS)	T1028	Assessment of home, physical and family environment, to determine suitability to meet patient's medical needs	MO	www.hipaaspace.com/Medical_Billing/Coding/Healthcare.Common.Procedure.Coding.System/T1028 One of a set of codes proposed for use in MO. Read a case study about services in MO.
Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Code (HCPCS)	S9441	Asthma education, non-physician provider, per session	MO	www.hipaaspace.com/Medical_Billing/Coding/Healthcare.Common.Procedure.Coding.System/S9441 One of a set of codes proposed for use in MO. Read a case study about services in MO.
State-specific?	E199	Miscellaenous (covers encasements and vacuums)	MO	www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/file/2984/download?token=KBicAC9- One of a set of codes proposed for use in MO. Read a case study about services in MO.
ACA provision for demonstrations	S2704	Demonstration project to evaluate integrated care around hospitalization	MA	www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/file/2984/download?token=KBicAC9- The Massachusetts health care system, MassHealth, utilizes the Massachusetts Children's High Risk Asthma Bundled Payment Demonstration Program.
ACA provision for demonstrations	S3023	National pilot program on payment bundling	MA	www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/file/2984/download?token=KBicAC9- The Massachusetts health care system, MassHealth, utilizes the Massachusetts Children's High Risk Asthma Bundled Payment Demonstration Program.

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ACA provision for demonstrations	S2706	Pediatric Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project	MA	www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/file/2984/download?token=KBicAC9- The Massachusetts health care system, MassHealth, utilizes the Massachusetts Children’s High Risk Asthma Bundled Payment Demonstration Program.