



ANSWERS TO WEBINAR QUESTIONS

BREAKING DOWN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CODING

If NP writes an RX for mental health issue, does that support 90792 even if physical exam not done?

Yes, 90792 can still be coded even if a physical exam is not performed and the NP is initiating and/or managing mental health medications. The physical exam is based on the clinical judgement of the provider. Usually, the NP will have additional indications in the note to explain the need for the prescription.

If one provider does the E/M portion, but patient has psychotherapy with LCSW same day, do we use the psychotherapy with E/M even if they are separate providers?

I would not code this way for Medicare as they bundle the E/M and psychotherapy only codes together, but some commercial insurance may reimburse. I would recommend calling your top payers and inquiring.

Yes, if the patient saw an MD, PA, or NP for an E/M service then the E/M code would be reported under the "physician" and the LCSW would report the psychotherapy w/o E/M code based on the appropriate time. The add-on codes are meant for services provided by the same physician