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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 2435-MC-FFS

DATE:	March 24, 2023
TO:	Iowa Medicaid-Enrolled Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waiver Providers
APPLIES TO:	Managed Care (MC), Fee-for-Service (FFS)
FROM:	Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Iowa Medicaid
RE:	HCBS Waiver Billing Code Updates
EFFECTIVE:	April 1, 2023

This informational letter (IL) updates IL 2082-MC-FFS[1].

The updated current procedural terminology (CPT) codes were released in 2020 to include new codes and guidelines for health behavior assessment and intervention services. This change impacted the HCBS brain injury waiver behavioral programming service, and the AIDS/HIV and Health and Disability waiver counseling services.

Effective January 1, 2020, procedure codes 96152 and 96153 are no longer valid for health behavior and intervention services under the Iowa Medicaid HCBS waivers. These HCBS waiver codes were overlooked when the prior code update was announced. Iowa Medicaid is replacing the invalid codes effective April 1, 2023. HCBS waiver providers must begin billing the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes 96158, 96159, 96164, and 96165 under Iowa Medicaid FFS and MC programs for dates of service beginning April 1, 2023.

[1] https://secureapp.dhs.state.ia.us/IMPA/Information/ViewDocument.aspx?viewdocument=c542f465-2d1e-49a3-b9cf-b1c1880b98c8

2019 CPT Code	2019 HCBS Billing Code Description	2020 CPT Code	2020 HCBS Billing Code Description
96152	Brain injury waiver behavioral programming. Behavioral programming consists of individually designed strategies to increase the consumer's appropriate behaviors and decrease the consumer's maladaptive behaviors which have interfered with the consumer's ability to remain in the community.	96158	Behavior programming (e.g., health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face); initial 30 minutes. Rate: Provider's 15 min unit rate for 96152 converted to 30 min rate. Example provider's 15 min unit rate is $12.36; 30 min unit rate is $12.36 multiplied by 2, or $24.72 per 30 min.
		96159	Behavior programming (e.g., health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face); each additional 15 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary service) Rate: Provider's 15 min unit rate for 96152.
96153	AIDS/HIV and health and disability waiver counseling (group). Counseling services are face-to-face mental health services provided to the member and caregiver by a mental health professional as defined in rule 441—24.1(225C) to facilitate home management of the	96164	Counseling (e.g., health behavior intervention, group 2 or more patients), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes. Rate: provider's 15 min unit rate for 96153 converted to 30 min rate. Example provider's 15 min unit rate is $12.35; 30 min unit rate is $12.35 multiplied by 2, or $24.70 per 30 min.

	member and prevent institutionalization. Counseling services are nonpsychiatric services necessary for the management of depression, assistance with the grief process, alleviation of psychosocial isolation and support in coping with a disability or illness, including terminal illness.	96165	Counseling (e.g., health behavior intervention, group 2 or more patients), face-to-face; each additional 15 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary service). Rate: provider's 15 min unit rate for 96153.
Note: Adapted from *Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention Services*[2], American Psychological Association.			

If you have questions, please contact Iowa Medicaid Provider Services at 1-800-338-7909 or IMEproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.

[2] https://www.apaservices.org/practice/reimbursement/health-codes/health-behavior