

Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services
Crisis Intervention Codes

SMHS Crisis Intervention Codes

CPT / HCPCS CODE	CODE SERVICE DESCRIPTION	CODE GUIDANCE AND USAGE	ALLOWABLE DISCIPLINES	DOCUMENTATION TIPS
90839 90840	Psychotherapy for crisis services and procedures	<p>90839: 1st 30-74 minutes 90840: each additional 30 minutes, beyond the first 74 minutes</p> <p>Psychotherapy of less than 30 minutes should be reported with code 90832 or code 90833 (when provided with E&M services)</p>	MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, PCC, MFT, PA, NP, CNS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychotherapy for crisis is an urgent assessment and history of a crisis state, a mental status exam, and a disposition. • Treatment includes psychotherapy, mobilization of resources to defuse the crisis and restore safety, and implementation of psychotherapeutic interventions to minimize the potential for psychological trauma. • The presenting problem is typically life threatening or complex and requires immediate attention to patient in high distress. • Document medical necessity for psychotherapy provided for a patient in a crisis state. • Document services provided linked to the symptoms/impairments of the patient's diagnosis. • Report the total duration of time face-to-face with the patient and/or family spent by the physician or other qualified healthcare professional providing psychotherapy for crisis, even if the time spent on that date is not continuous. • For any given period of psychotherapy for crisis state, the provider must devote his or her full attention and, therefore, cannot provide services to any other patient during the same time period. • The patient must be present for all or some of the service. • 90839 is used to report the first 30-74 minutes of psychotherapy for crisis on a given date. Add on code 90840 is reported for each additional increment of up to 30 minutes after the first 74 minutes. 90840. Specific documentation of time must be included.
H2011	Crisis intervention service, per 15 minutes	Mental health crisis assessment, intervention and stabilization	MD/DO, PhD/PsyD, LCSW, PCC, MFT, PA, NP, CNS, Pharm, RN, LVN, OT,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time documentation for the use of this code is <u>each 15 minutes</u>. Specific documentation of time must be included. • Document medical necessity for crisis intervention • Document the actual intervention performed linked to the symptoms/impairments of the patient's diagnosis

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