

Bulletin



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Adult mental health crisis service code changes for Minnesota Health Care Programs members

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota and Blue Plus are adopting the same coding changes as outlined below by the Minnesota Department of Human Services. This change is effective for all Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) members for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010.

Adult mental health crisis services

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2010, for MHCP members, use HCPCS code S9484 to bill for adult mental health crisis services, combining crisis assessment, intervention and non-residential stabilization. This change is being made to:

- comply with HIPAA coding requirements
- create consistency between adult and children’s crisis service billing
- eliminate arbitrary distinction between intervention and assessment

Do not use HCPCS codes H0031 for crisis assessment or H2011 for crisis intervention.

S9484 code descriptions

code	description	unit
S9484	adult crisis assessment, intervention and stabilization-individual, per hour	60 minutes
S9484 HQ	adult crisis stabilization-group, per hour	60 minutes

Additional information

The changes listed above do not apply to the coverage, coding or authorization thresholds for residential crisis stabilization (H0018) or community intervention (90882).

Reimbursement

Reimbursement remains as stated in your Provider Service Agreement.

Coding requirements reminder

All coding and reimbursement is subject to changes, updates or other requirements of coding rules and guidelines. All codes are subject to federal HIPAA rules, and in the case of medical code sets (for example, HCPCS, CPT, ICD-9-CM), only valid codes for the date of service may be submitted or accepted.

Questions?

If you have questions, please contact provider services at **(651) 662-5200** or toll free at **1-800-262-0820**.

HCPCS stands for Health Care Procedure Coding System