
Behavioral health providers: How to bill prolonged services

In January 2023, we posted a [provider alert](#) in which we asked behavioral health providers to hold claims for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2023, that contain procedure codes *99354 and *99355. These codes were for prolonged services and were terminated as of Jan. 1, 2023.

At that time, we said we were working on identifying active codes that can be billed in place of the terminated codes.

Here's what to do with the claims you've been holding

For prolonged behavioral health services:

- For Blue Cross and BCN commercial members, use HCPCS code G2212 in place of procedure codes *99354 and *99355 for dates of service on or after Jan 1, 2023. The G2212 code can now be billed with procedure codes *90837 and *90847.
- For Medicare Plus Blue and BCN Advantage members, follow the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services billing guidelines.

Here's some additional information:

- HCPCS code G2212 is billed in increments of 15 minutes for each unit of prolonged service after the time of the base code is exhausted.
- You can submit claims for dates of service as early as Jan. 1, 2023.

Reminder

The American Medical Association terminated procedure codes *99354 and *99355 as of Jan. 1, 2023.

- Any claims for dates of service on or after Jan. 1, 2023, that contain those codes will be rejected even if the claims contain codes that are payable.
- Claims with dates of service prior to Jan. 1, 2023, can still be billed with procedure codes *99354 and *99355.

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