

Mental Health Care

Quick Reference Guide

This short guide will provide you with key information on how to bill for OHIP billing codes for mental health care.

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What are the codes to bill for mental health visits?

Temporary Virtual Care Codes

Fee Codes	Description	Value
K081	1. Intermediate assessment of a patient by telephone or video, or advice or information by telephone or video to a patient's representative regarding health maintenance, diagnosis, treatment and/or prognosis, if the service lasts a minimum of 10 minutes; or 2. Psychotherapy, psychiatric or primary mental health care, counselling or interview conducted by telephone or video, if the service lasts a minimum of 10 minutes.	\$36.85
K082	Psychotherapy, psychiatric or primary mental health care counselling or Interview conducted by telephone or video per unit (unit means half hour or major part thereof)	\$67.75

Primary Mental Health Care

Fee Codes	Description	Value
K005	Primary mental health care – individual care (per unit)	\$67.75

Notes:

- This code is payable to visits where physicians provide advice and information with respect to diagnosis, treatment, health maintenance and prevention.
- It is a time-based code that requires a minimum of 20 minutes of direct patient contact.
- Unit means ½ hour or major part thereof.
- The code is not payable in conjunction with other consultations and visits rendered by a physician during the same patient visit unless there are clearly different diagnoses for the two services.
 - For example, if a patient comes in to discuss their anxiety for 20 minutes and then discusses symptoms of a fever unrelated to the anxiety, you can bill the intermediate assessment (A007) with the K005 fee code.

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What are the codes to bill for mental health visits? (continued)

Psychotherapy

Fee Codes	Description	Value
K007	Psychotherapy – Individual care (per unit)	\$67.75
K019	Psychotherapy – Group of 2 (per unit)	\$33.90
K020	Psychotherapy – Group of 3 (per unit)	\$22.55
K012	Psychotherapy – Group of 4 (per unit)	\$17.05
K024	Psychotherapy – Group of 5 (per unit)	\$14.05
K025	Psychotherapy – Group of 6 to 12 (per unit)	\$11.95
K004	Psychotherapy – 2 or more family members (per unit)	\$10.80

Notes:

- Unit means ½ hour or major part thereof.
- Psychotherapy outside hospital and hypnotherapy may not be claimed as such when provided in conjunction with a consultation or other assessment rendered by a physician during the same patient visit unless there are clearly defined different diagnoses for the two services.

Interviews and Counselling

Fee Codes	Description	Value
K008	Diagnostic interview and/or counselling with child and/or parent for psychological problem or learning disabilities	\$67.75
K013	Counselling – Individual Care – first three units of K013 and K040 combined per patient per provider per 12-month period (per unit)	\$67.75
K033	Counselling – Individual Care – additional units per patient per provider per 12-month period (per unit)	\$47.70
K040	Group counselling – 2 or more persons, where no group members have received more than 3 unites of any counselling paid under codes K013 and K040 combined per provider per 12-month period (per unit)	\$67.75

Notes:

- Unit means ½ hour or major part thereof.
- The code K008 is claimed using the child's health number. Psychological testing is not an insured service.

Application for Psychiatric Assessment

Fee Code	Description	Value
K623	Application for psychiatric assessment – Form 1	\$113.35

For a patient to receive a psychiatric assessment, a physician must fill out the Form 1 application. The application for psychiatric assessment in accordance with the Mental Health Act includes necessary history, examination, notification of the patient, family, and relevant authorities and completion of form.

QUESTIONS?

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