

Retiring the Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Evaluation for Outpatient Clinics

Effective November 1, 2026, Community Behavioral Health (CBH) will retire the Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Evaluation (CBE) and the Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Re-Evaluation (CBR) for both the MD and Non-MD. This update supports CBH's ongoing efforts to streamline billing guidance and to ensure that procedure codes and units of measure align with the HealthChoices Behavioral Health Services Reporting Classification Chart (BHSRCC).

Levels of care (LOCs) that will be terminated effective October 31, 2026:

LOC Code	Procedure Code	LOC Description	Unit of Measure
300-50	90792	Biopsychosocial Evaluation MD	30 minutes
300-54	90792	Biopsychosocial Re-Evaluation MD	30 minutes
350- 40	90792	ASAM 1.0 Biopsychosocial Evaluation MD	30 minutes
350-42	90792	ASAM 1.0 Re-Evaluation MD	30 minutes
300-51	90791	Biopsychosocial Evaluation Non-MD	30 minutes
300-57	90791	Re-Evaluation Non-MD	30 minutes
300-197	90832	Biopsychosocial Evaluation Psychologist-Adult	30 minutes
300-198	90832	Biopsychosocial Re-Evaluation Psychologist- Adult	30 minutes
350- 41	90832	ASAM 1.0 Biopsychosocial Evaluation Non-MD	30 minutes
350-43	90832	ASAM 1.0 Re-Evaluation Non-MD	30 minutes

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Effective November 1, 2026, the following LOCs should be billed when completing a psychiatric evaluation or a psychological evaluation:

LOC Code	Procedure Code	LOC Description	Unit of Measure
300-01	90792	Psychiatric Evaluation	Event
350-01	90792	ASAM 1.0 Psychiatric Evaluation	Event
300-239	90791	Psychological Evaluation	30 minutes

A psychiatric evaluation using procedure code **90792** must include integrated psychosocial and medical services performed by a qualified prescriber (e.g., a psychiatrist or MD/DO). The following components should be included:

- ➔ Comprehensive medical and psychiatric history, including past/family/social/substance use history
- ➔ Mental Status Examination covering cognitive functions, mood, insight, judgment, etc.
- ➔ Medical evaluation components, which may involve:
 - » Physical exam
 - » Medication reconciliation or prescription
 - » Ordering, reviewing, and interpreting laboratory or diagnostic tests
- ➔ Establishment of an initial diagnosis
- ➔ Evaluation of the patient's ability and capacity to respond to treatment
- ➔ Development of an initial treatment plan

Psychological evaluation using procedure code **90791** shall be administered, interpreted, and include an integrated biopsychosocial assessment completed only by a licensed

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psychologist or by a psychologist in preparation for licensure under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist.

- ➔ Presenting complaint and reason for evaluation
- ➔ Detailed biopsychosocial history
- ➔ Mental status examination with multiple components
- ➔ Risk assessment findings
- ➔ Diagnostic impressions
- ➔ Initial treatment plan and recommendations
- ➔ Must also include start and end times since it is a unit-of-time-based level of care

To successfully bill procedure codes **90791** and **90792**, providers must meet the following Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) and Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) compliance standards:

- ➔ **Member Presence:** The member must attend the entire evaluation. You cannot bill these codes if you only meet with a parent, family member, or caregiver.
- ➔ **Clinical Integration:** Cannot bill these codes solely for information gathering. A fully licensed clinician must gather the biopsychosocial history actively during the live evaluation.
- ➔ **Credentials:** The performing clinician must be fully graduated, state-licensed, and individually enrolled in PROMISE to qualify for reimbursement.
- ➔ **Telehealth Rules:**
 - » Virtual evaluations must be clearly documented as such, using the required telehealth modifiers and place-of-service codes.
 - » The platform used must also be identified in the progress note.

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- » Telehealth sessions must be conducted face-to-face. Audio-only evaluations are not billable.

Providers are responsible for ensuring that psychiatric evaluations are completed based on medical necessity and applicable Pennsylvania Medicaid regulatory requirements.

An initial psychiatric evaluation should be completed when clinically indicated and performed by a qualified practitioner in accordance with Pennsylvania Medicaid requirements. Pennsylvania Medicaid does not require an annual psychiatric evaluation for members who are receiving outpatient mental health services. Neither an initial nor routine annual evaluation should be completed solely to fulfill PA Medicaid or CBH administrative requirements. PA regulations require an assessment, a treatment plan, review, and documentation of medical necessity and progress.

A new or updated psychiatric evaluation should be completed when clinically indicated, including but not limited to:

- A significant change in the member's mental status or level of functioning
- A change in diagnosis or emergence of new psychiatric symptom(s)
- The need for psychiatric consultation to support treatment planning or medication management

CBH will accept a psychological or psychiatric evaluation anywhere it currently states CBH requires a CBE/CBR.

Impacted providers will receive an updated contract (Schedule A) reflecting the new LOCs.

Please contact your assigned provider relations representative with any questions.