



CMS Business Meeting
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Billing Practices





Eligibility Evaluation/ Assessment/Initial IFSP (IPDEI)

- ✦ **Includes development of initial IFSP/Plan of Care**
- ✦ **Consider potential 3rd party payor resources beforehand**
- ✦ **Based on First Contacts information**
- ✦ **Consider family's concerns, priorities, and resources**



Eligibility Evaluation/ Assessment/Initial IFSP (IPDEI)

- ✦ **Multidisciplinary/2+ professionals of different disciplines**
- ✦ **Determine level of functioning in all 5 domains**
- ✦ **Must be recommended by a licensed professional if billing Medicaid**

Entering IPDEI in Data System

- ✦ Only one per team member
- ✦ IPDEI team members must record the same billing date regardless of activity date
- ✦ At least two intervention records
- ✦ 1 unit = 1 hour, with 30 minute min/two hour max
- ✦ Number of units per team member can differ
- ✦ Service coordination billed as TCM



IPDEI for Private Insurance

- ✦ Authorization and/or script may be needed
- ✦ Discipline-specific evaluation(s) may be needed
- ✦ Part C reimburses the difference
- ✦ Possible CPT codes include:
 - ✦ 96110- “developmental testing limited”
 - ✦ 96111- “developmental testing extended”
 - ✦ 96116- “neurobehavioral exam”



Consultation

- ✿ **Exchange information**
- ✿ **Engage in problem solving**
- ✿ **Incorporate strategies**
- ✿ **Builds skills of team members**



Consultation

- ✦ **Must be between providers**
- ✦ **Different modes:**
 - ✦ **Face-to-face meetings**
 - ✦ **Joint sessions with the family**
 - ✦ **Telephone**
 - ✦ **Other means**
- ✦ **Family must be informed**
- ✦ **Family must be given opportunity to participate**



Consultation During Joint Visits

- ✦ **One provider performs the service for a minimum of 30 minutes**
- ✦ **The other provider observes, asks questions, and provides feedback for a minimum of 15 minutes**
- ✦ **The performing provider bills for a session**
- ✦ **The observing provider bills CONxx**



Amount of Consultation

- ✦ **Determined by the following:**
 - ✦ **Family/child needs**
 - ✦ **Knowledge and experience of team members**
 - ✦ **History of teaming**
- ✦ **Must be reflected on IFSP and can decrease or increase**

Service Taxonomy Codes for Consultation

- ✦ During periodic or annual evaluation of the IFSP meetings

- ✦ **COIFF**

- ✦ Face-to-face

- ✦ **COIFP**

- ✦ Telephone

Service Taxonomy Codes for Consultation

- ✿ **Outside of IFSP meeting**
 - ✿ **CONIF-Face-to-face ITDS**
 - ✿ **CONIP-Telephone ITDS**
 - ✿ **CONOF-Face-to-face OT**
 - ✿ **CONOP-Telephone OT**
 - ✿ **CONPF-Face-to-face PT**
 - ✿ **CONPP-Telephone PT**
 - ✿ **CONSF-Face-to-face SLP**
 - ✿ **CONSP-Telephone SLP**

Entering Consultation in Data System

- ✦ **Minimum of 15 minutes**
- ✦ **1 unit = 1 hour**
- ✦ **Enter FSPSA's for all consultation done outside of an IFSP meeting**
- ✦ **FSPSA's must match Form G**
- ✦ **Enter interventions for ALL consultation**
- ✦ **COIFF and COIFP must match the date of the IFSP meeting**



Paying Providers for Consultation

- ✦ **CONT would typically be used**
- ✦ **Not covered by Medicaid**
- ✦ **Maximum rates:**
 - ✦ **\$25/hr for phone**
 - ✦ **\$50/hr for face-to-face**
- ✦ **Providers must submit form**
- ✦ **CPT Codes 99366/99368 MAY be appropriate to bill TPIN**



Follow-up Evaluations (IPDEF)

- ✦ **In addition to requirements for IPDEI, IPDEF's are:**
 - ✦ **Not routine or typical**
 - ✦ **Only provided to re-referred ineligible child or for a child with additional concerns**
 - ✦ **Required to be authorized on Form G**



Evaluations for Child Outcomes

- ✿ **Evaluations which provide exit data can be billed different ways:**
 - ✿ **A session if results will be used to make service decisions**
 - ✿ **Discipline-specific evaluation**
 - ✿ **IPDEF**
 - ✿ **If none of above, bill as EXIT**



Billing for EXIT

- ✦ **Evaluation for outcomes measurement reporting ONLY**
- ✦ **May be individual or team**
- ✦ **Payor of MED or TPIN not appropriate**
- ✦ **Part B evaluators may participate**

Questions



Thank You!



More Information on Website:

www.cms-kids.com/EarlyStepsHome.htm