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Introduction and Purpose

This document is the CCBHC Demonstration Billing Manual and is intended to define billable services, eligible staff (where appropriate), reporting codes and processes, restrictions (if any), and any other condition of billing a service under the Alabama CCBHC Demonstration. Although every effort is made to keep this Manual up to date, the information provided is subject to change.

The purpose of this manual is to:

- **Provide Standardized Guidance:** Establishing clear service delivery and billing protocols for CCBHCs that align with state and federal policies. This includes specific credentialing, coding, billing, and documentation requirements for services rendered.
- **Ensure Accurate Reimbursement:** Outline processes for obtaining reimbursement for covered services, promoting financial sustainability, and enabling the continuous delivery of high-quality care to Alabama communities.
- **Support Compliance with Regulations:** Ensure that CCBHCs meet state and federal regulatory requirements for billing and documentation. Compliance with these standards helps prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

This Certified Community Behavioral Health (CCBHC) Demonstration Billing Manual is intended to support CCBHC billing as a companion to the following:

- The Alabama Department of Mental Health Comprehensive Provider Manual for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).
- The SAMHSA [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic \(CCBHC\) Certification Criteria](#), established set of uniform standards providers must meet to be a CCBHC.
- Alabama Licensing and Certification Requirements, including (but not limited to) Chapters 105, 106, and 112, as well as all relevant Alabama Administrative Code requirements.
- HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2, and other applicable state or federal laws.

Questions or comments pertaining to the CCBHC Demonstration Billing Manual may be directed to ccbhc.dmh@mh.alabama.gov.

Version History

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		p. 55- Mobile Crisis Team Requirements p. 57- Added maximum units to Mobile Crisis Service; Updated Information for Crisis Intervention p. 57- Additional Information Updated for Mobile Crisis Team Requirements p. 64- Added a Detailed 835 ERA Section p. 71- Updated Language in Carried Cost/Carved In Non-Triggering Services and Activities Section p. 71- Removed 'Inpatient' Under Place of Service Section; Added Appendices (Removed from CCBHC Provider Manual) p. 71-Added Section for Place of Service Code 99 p. 77-Added Appendices (removed from CCBHC Provider Manual)
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PPS-1 Methodology for CCBHC Billing and Payment

CCBHCs in the Alabama Medicaid CCBHC Demonstration are paid using a Prospective Payment System (PPS)-1 daily rate.

Under the PPS-1 methodology, CCBHCs receive a single payment each day when at least one CCBHC triggering event service is provided to a Medicaid enrollee. A Triggering Event is an allowable service under the CCBHC program that when provided, will trigger the daily PPS-1 payment. For more details about Triggering Events, see below, as well as the "Triggering Events" spreadsheet linked here: [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics – Alabama Department of Mental Health](#)

For more on the CCBHC PPS structure, see: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/financial-management/downloads/updated-ccbhc-pps-guidance-02152024.pdf>

Payments for DCO Services

Payment for DCO services is included within the scope of the CCBHC PPS, and DCO encounters will be treated as CCBHC encounters for purposes of the PPS. To the extent that services are needed by the individual receiving services or their family that cannot be provided by either the CCBHC directly or by a DCO, referrals may be made to other providers or entities. The CCBHC retains responsibility for care coordination including services to which it refers individuals receiving CCBHC services. Payment for those referred services is not through the PPS but is made through traditional mechanisms within Medicaid or other funding sources.

CCBHC Cost Reporting

Each clinic's PPS rate is established via a clinic-specific Cost Report. Alabama uses the CMS CCBHC Cost Report (see the following link for Cost Report instructions: <https://www.medicaid.gov/media/173121>), which is approved by Alabama Medicaid Agency and ADMH). The Cost Report includes the total cost of operating the CCBHC (triggering events plus allowable activities) along with the number of daily CCBHC visits (the number of days when a triggering event service was provided). Both costs and visits should be inclusive of those related to Medicaid and non-Medicaid enrollees. Together, these data inputs result in a clinic-specific PPS (daily) rate.

Initial Cost Report Submission

CCBHCs completing their Cost Reports for Demonstration Year 1 (to attain their first year's PPS rate) should include both historical costs, as well as anticipated costs. Anticipated costs are expenses that are anticipated for the rate year, including personnel costs, facility costs, technology costs, supplies and materials costs; training and development costs not included in actual costs in the reporting period. Anticipated costs are allowed for demonstration year 1 only. CCBHC Cost Reports for demonstration year 2 (and beyond) must include only actual cost/visit data.

Annual Cost Report Submission

Please note, regardless of whether a CCBHC's rate is being re-based, an annual Cost Report with actual costs/visits is due at the end of each Demonstration Year. Alabama Medicaid Agency (AMA) is establishing a due date for these Cost Reports within 90 days of the end of each Demonstration Year. **Therefore, all CCBHCs will be expected to submit their annual Cost Report (along with any requested supporting documentation) by September 30th of each year.** This includes CCBHCs who began implementation in a quarter that does not coincide with the start of the Demonstration Year. These CCBHCs will submit Cost Reports for their first partial year (e.g., October 1st through June 30th), and their subsequent Cost Reports will then coincide with Alabama's Demonstration Year period of July 1st – June 30th.

PPS Rate Update and Re-base Schedule

CCBHCs will have their rate re-based according to actual cost and visit information after their second Demonstration Year (regardless of whether their first Demonstration Year was a full year or not) using their second CCBHC Cost Report submission. After each CCBHC's first re-base period, rates will be re-based using actual costs/visits every three years thereafter. In other words, the re-base schedule for CCBHCs who begin CCBHC Demonstration operations on July 1st will include the following:



The re-base schedule for CCBHCs who begin CCBHC Demonstration operations on a quarter that does not align with the start of the Alabama Demonstration Year (e.g., October, 1st, January 1st, or April 1st) will include the following:



Interim Rate Prior to Finalizing Re-based Rate

During years when the CCBHC's PPS rate is scheduled to be re-based, AMA will initially pay the CCBHC an interim rate that is the previous year's rate trended forward by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI), until the CCBHC's Cost Report can be reviewed and the final re-based rate can be calculated.

Once the re-based rate is established, all claims for CCBHC Demonstration services paid at the interim rate for the current Demonstration Year will be reconciled against that Demonstration Year's final PPS rate set through the cost reporting and re-base process. This will result in the final calculated clinic-specific PPS rate paid for all CCBHC Demonstration services rendered by the CCBHC for the entirety of the current Demonstration Year.

Note that utilization of the MEI to trend the rate forward with the MEI for the next full Demonstration Year should be included in the CCBHC cost reporting process.

For example, if a CCBHC's rate is being re-based for the Demonstration Year that runs from July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028:

- The CCBHC's interim rate beginning on July 1, 2027, will be their previous year's rate trended forward by MEI
- The CCBHC will submit a Cost Report for the previous Demonstration Year (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027) on or before September 30, 2027
- AMA will review and work with the CCBHC to finalize the Cost Report (assuring accurate cost/visit data), and establish a final PPS rate for the current year within 90 days of receiving the CCBHC's Cost Report
- Once the final re-based rate for the Demonstration Year is established, AMA will reconcile previously paid claims to the new rate, resulting in the CCBHC's final calculated PPS rate paid for all Demonstration services rendered for the entirety of the applicable Demonstration Year (July 1, 2027 – June 30, 2028, in the case of this example)

As another example, a CCBHC who plans to start on April 1, 2026, would include all current/anticipated costs for the period of April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026, but the MEI update to

their rate would be trending the rate forward for the period of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027. In this case, an MEI update would not be applied to their rate on July 1, 2026, because it was already applied in the Cost Report process.

Rate Updates During Years When No Re-base is Occurring

Each CCBHC's PPS rates will be updated annually to allow the rates to keep pace with changes to healthcare costs. Therefore, during years when no re-base is occurring for the CCBHC, the CCBHC's rate will be trended forward by the MEI.

Moving forward to support planning, AMA will send a notice to each CCBHC whose rate will be updated using MEI, informing them of the MEI factor (the percentage by which their rate will be adjusted) and their updated rate at least 30 days prior to the start of the Demonstration Year (on or before June 1 of each year). Following the notice, the updated rate will be loaded in the Medicaid claims system and will go into effect on July 1st.

Billing Requirements

To be eligible for payment, CCBHCs must be certified by ADMH as a CCBHC Demonstration provider. CCBHCs must also have an approved provider agreement on file with ADMH. Through this agreement, the CCBHC assures that requirements are met and assures compliance with all applicable federal and State Medicaid law, including, but not limited to, state administrative rules, the Code of Federal regulations, and the State Medicaid Plan. These agreements are renewed annually with each provider.

If the CCBHC uses a Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO), payment for DCO services is included within the scope of the CCBHC PPS, and DCO encounters will be treated as CCBHC encounters for purposes of the PPS. The lead CCBHC is responsible for billing AMA for all CCBHC services provided to Medicaid enrollees, including those provided by a DCO. The contractual agreement with a DCO must include, amongst other things:

- The DCO must adhere to the standards outlined within the SAMHSA CCBHC Certification Criteria,
- The DCO must align with the same service delivery requirements and expectations of the CCBHC,
- Payment mechanisms between the CCBHC and DCO (including how the DCO will report services delivered to the CCBHC and how the CCBHC will pay the DCO for these services for a fair market rate). *This requirement does not apply if the DCO relationship is with state-sanctioned crisis providers,*
- Quality of care and data reporting mechanisms, and
- Outlined responsibilities for participation in the interdisciplinary team, which includes collaboration in treatment planning and treatment team meetings.

CCBHC Specific National Provider Identifier (NPI)

CCBHCs will be responsible for obtaining a unique, CCBHC-specific NPI upon certification, using

the appropriate taxonomy. The taxonomy code is chosen by the provider when applying for an NPI. This 10-digit code describes the kind of specialty provider type the agency is. Providers should enroll as a Medicaid provider using that NPI. The NPI will represent the billing provider. To obtain your NPI, go to the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) website by navigating to <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov>

Medicaid ID

CCBHCs are required to obtain a Medicaid ID number for each CCBHC site, regardless of the site type (Full, Satellite, or Access). Following the issuance of the provider's CCBHC NPI, ADMH will provide the CCBHC Medicaid Enrollment Application necessary to apply for their Medicaid ID.

Medicaid Claims Submission

All CCBHC Medicaid claims should be submitted using the **T1040** procedure code, which is tied to the CCBHC's PPS rate. In addition, CCBHCs are required to report on all service activities (both triggering and non-triggering CCBHC services) provided on the visit day associated with each submitted T1040 claim. It is critical that CCBHCs document non-triggering, allowable services as the costs for these services are included in the PPS rate.

- **Triggering Events** – an allowable service under the CCBHC program that when provided, will trigger the daily PPS payment. PPS payment can be triggered only once each day, per individual served by the CCBHC. For an up-to-date list of procedure codes included as Triggering Services, see the Resources section of the ADMH CCBHC webpage here: <https://mh.alabama.gov/certified-community-behavioral-health-clinics/>
- **Non-Triggering Support Services** – an allowable service or activity under the CCBHC program that does not trigger a daily PPS payment, such as care coordination. The expense of the non-triggering service/activity is an allowable cost in the CCBHC's Cost Report (e.g., the cost of staff time to deliver these services) and therefore the expense is built into the PPS rate for each clinic. However, these services, when delivered alone, do not qualify as a triggering event for the purpose of billing the PPS daily rate. This means the delivery of these services by themselves will not trigger a payment of the PPS rate.

ADMH and AMA will use service code details to monitor the cost and utilization of services provided by CCBHCs. Underlying encounters will also be used to validate services provided to CCBHC attributed populations and their assignment to the appropriate population category. These service level details are also critical to successful PPS rate setting and rebasing. *CCBHCs that under-report service codes will risk substantive reductions in future PPS rates that may be tested and justified against these claims.* Failure to submit adequate and appropriate information related to services provided may trigger a Medicaid Financial Audit or Corrective Action. If the CCBHC is using their own billing software, then their software vendor would need to configure their software to submit these types of transactions.

CCBHCs should submit claims in a timely manner. General timely filing rules apply.

Claims for non-Medicaid recipients must be maintained and readily accessible upon request. These records are subject to review during site visits and/or as part of the site certification process.

Allowable Modifier Codes

Each CCBHC claim using the T1040 code must include the Q2 modifier to indicate that it is a claim being submitted under the Alabama CCBHC Demonstration.

In addition, CCBHCs should utilize the appropriate modifier to indicate that the service being provided is related to Substance Use (SU) or Mental Health (MH). These modifiers will be used by ADMH for tracking purposes (e.g., tracking the match funding source), and (as long a modifier is included on the claim) the specific modifier will not be used to deny payment to a CCBHC.

Modifier	Modifier Use
HE	Mental Health
HF	Substance Use

Finally, CCBHCs should review each service provided and apply the corresponding service-modality modifier in line with Alabama Medicaid Billing rules.

Modifier	Modifier Use
Q2	Demonstration Service (CCBHC)
HQ	Group Services
GT	Telehealth Audio/Visual
FQ	Telehealth Audio Only
HA	Adolescent
HS	Parent/Guardian
U1	RN for T1001/T1002
U1	SMI Adults for Targeted Case Management (TCM)
U2	LPN for T1001/T1002
U3	SED Child for TCM
U6	License Professional Counselor (LPC)
U7	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
U9	SUD Adults and Adolescents for TCM
HH	Dual Diagnosis
HD	Special Population
HO	Master's level / practicum / supervised experience
HM	CNA, CMA, MAC Worker
AJ	Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW)

ADMH Required Claims Submission

In addition to the claims process above, the Office of CCBHC will distribute a SharePoint link to the CCBHC no later than the 5th of each month. CCBHCs will be required to submit a detailed billing spreadsheet to the Office of CCBHC by the 15th of each month (i.e., January billing will be submitted by the 15th of February). These detailed claims or encounter data, known as “shadow claims,” are needed to track important performance measures. All information, including triggering events and shadow claims, are sent to ADMH for state reporting only.

CCBHC Billing Template

The CCBHC Billing Template incorporates supplementary elements mandated for all providers, including key additions such as patient name, date of birth, procedure description, modifiers 1-4, and place of service codes/location. Specifically, the Place of Service codes adhere to Alabama Medicaid Chapter 105 and 106 guidelines. The significance of POS codes for Medicaid reimbursement lies in their ability to determine rates and ensure adherence to payer policies.

Modifiers provide nuanced details about services rendered, preventing claim denials, ensuring accurate reimbursement, and facilitating compliance tracking without altering the primary procedure.

Service Settings

Place of Service Codes

The Place of Code Service Table below outlines the list of settings where CCBHCs can deliver non-duplicative services. In addition to the services listed in this table, CCBHCs should work with each congregate care/residential provider to understand the services that they offer onsite (as some providers offer services above and beyond the basic contract expectations for the service setting). If a CCBHC is serving an individual living in one of the above settings, CCBHCs are responsible for:

- (1) assuring no duplication in services being offered by the CCBHC; and
- (2) (with the individual receiving services consent) attempting to engage the congregate of care/residential staff (as appropriate) in Interdisciplinary Team processes (i.e., meetings, information sharing, care coordination, etc.).

The following place of service codes applies when filing claims for CCBHC services:

POS Code ¹	POS Name	Description / Potential CCBHC Application	Current Status
03	School	A facility whose primary purpose is education. This may apply when an allowable CCBHC service is furnished in a school setting and documentation supports that location.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
11	Office	A location, other than a hospital, skilled nursing facility, military treatment facility, community health center, state or local public health clinic, or intermediate care facility, where health professionals routinely provide health examinations, diagnosis, and treatment. This may apply when the CCBHC service is furnished in an office-based setting.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
12	Home	A location, other than a hospital or other facility, where the individual receives care in a private residence. This may apply when an allowable CCBHC service is furnished in the individual's home.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
24	Ambulatory Surgical Center	A freestanding facility, other than a physician's office, where surgical and diagnostic services are provided on an ambulatory basis. This may apply only when the service and setting are allowable, non-duplicative, and the record supports that the CCBHC service was furnished in an ambulatory surgical center setting.	Chapter 106
31	Skilled Nursing Facility	A facility that primarily provides skilled nursing care and related services. This may apply only when the Alabama CCBHC Contract Billing Manual permits the non-duplicative CCBHC service allowed by specific CMS guidance in that setting and the documentation supports the service location. See above nursing facility guidance for services and conditions to provide	Chapter 105

¹ Table 1 does not include all nationally recognized Place of Service codes or all Place of Service codes referenced by Alabama Medicaid. The table is limited to POS codes that may be relevant to CCBHC services or may require clarification for CCBHC billing purposes. POS codes that are not expected to apply to allowable CCBHC service delivery settings were excluded.

		services in a SNF or Nursing Facility	
32	Nursing Facility	A facility that primarily provides nursing or rehabilitation services to residents who do not require hospital care. This may apply only when the service is allowable, non-duplicative, and documented consistent with CCBHC requirements. *See above nursing facility guidance for services and conditions to provide services in a SNF or Nursing Facility	Chapter 105
33	Custodial Care Facility	A facility that provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis, but does not primarily provide skilled nursing or medical care. This may apply only when the service is allowable, non-duplicative, and documentation supports that the CCBHC service was furnished in a custodial care facility setting.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
52	Psychiatric Facility Partial Hospitalization	A facility that provides partial hospitalization services for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness. This may apply only when the service is allowable, non-duplicative, and documented as furnished in a psychiatric partial hospitalization setting consistent with CCBHC requirements.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
53	Community Mental Health Center	A facility that provides outpatient services, including specialized mental health services, to individuals who reside in a defined area. This may apply when the service is furnished in a community mental health center setting.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
55	Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Facility	A facility that provides treatment for substance use disorder in a residential setting. This may apply only when the service is allowable, non-duplicative, and the record supports that the CCBHC service was furnished in a residential substance use disorder treatment facility.	Chapter 105
56	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center	A facility or distinct part of a facility that provides psychiatric services in a residential treatment setting. This may apply only when the service is allowable, non-duplicative, and documentation supports that the CCBHC service was furnished in a psychiatric residential treatment center.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106
62	Comprehensive	A facility that provides comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation services, including	Chapter 106

	Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility	physician services, physical therapy, and social or psychological services. This may apply only when the service is allowable, non-duplicative, and documentation supports that the CCBHC service was furnished in a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility setting.	
71	State or Local Public Health Clinic	A facility maintained by a state or local health department that provides ambulatory primary medical care under the general direction of a physician. This may apply when an allowable CCBHC service is furnished at a public health clinic and the service is not duplicative.	Chapter 106
99	Other Place of Service	Used only when no other POS code accurately describes the allowable service setting. Documentation must describe the actual location, confirm that the setting is allowable, and explain why no more specific POS code applies.	Chapter 105 and Chapter 106

Settings Where CCBHC Services Cannot Be Provided

ADMH and AMA are committed to supporting CCBHCs to deliver services outside of their clinic sites' four walls in locations that are convenient and accessible to individuals being served. This includes (in some instances) residential programs and/or congregate living facilities, at which the provision of CCBHC services would expand (and not duplicate) services already available through the residential/congregate program.

There are service settings where CCBHC services are not allowed to be billed. In each of these instances, services to meet the individual's holistic needs are fully funded through the service setting where they are residing at that time. In other words, while an individual is residing in one of the service settings below, they cannot also receive services billed under the CCBHC

Demonstration program:

- MI Crisis Residential Units (10 and 16 bed facilities)
- MI Forensic Crisis Residential Units
- Child and Adolescent (C&A) Residential Intensive
- Crisis Center (Extended Observation Beds)
- Inpatient Psychiatric Hospital
- Facilities that qualify as an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD) – those that have more than 16 beds and that are primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services
- Carceral settings, including jails, detention centers, and prisons*
- Medication/Observation/Meals (MOMs)**

While CCBHCs cannot bill for CCBHC services while individuals are residing in the above service settings, it is critical that CCBHCs establish care coordination agreements with the above providers in their catchment area to support transition planning prior to discharge to ensure timely continuity of care.

**Based on CMS guidance CCBHCs cannot include the costs of, and visits associated with providing services to individuals in correctional settings as part of their CCBHC Cost Report. However, CCBHCs can and should use other funding sources (e.g., state and federal funding within the organization's ADMH contract) to participate in collaborative transition planning that arranges expedient delivery of CCBHC services upon release from a correctional setting.*

Note: *As of October 1, 2026, MOMs congregate care programs are unallowable service settings for billing the CCBHC PPS rate. However, ADMH recognizes that while limited, certain services like Peer Support Services and other non-duplicative rehabilitative interventions not included in the MOMs bundled rate may still be clinically appropriate and necessary for individuals living in a MOMs setting. Therefore, effective October 1, 2026, providers may continue to furnish these discrete services, while billing through the applicable fee-for-service rehabilitation benefit, rather than the CCBHC PPS rate.*

Nursing Facilities

Services provided in nursing facilities would be considered institutional services and are not allowed under the CCBHC Demonstration. **However, CCBHCs are allowed to provide services to an individual as part of in-reach for the purpose of transitioning out of nursing facility.**

In order for these services to be included in the Cost Report and coverable under the CCBHC Demonstration, they must:

- (1) be furnished pursuant to a written plan of care. CCBHCs must document the necessity of services, as well as coordination with the Nursing Facility on care planning and roles to ensure services are not duplicative. Services must be documented in both the Nursing Facility Care Plan and the CCBHC Plan of Care. Additionally, CCBHCs must document that the individual is not eligible for Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Specialized Services.
- (2) be services considered outside the scope of both Nursing Facility and specialized services. CCBHCs should document this non-duplication of services via a written Care Coordination agreement with the Nursing Facility prior to providing any services to individuals residing in that service setting.
- (3) be for non-recurring set-up expenses for individuals transitioning from a Nursing Facility.
- (4) be provided on or after the start of the discharge planning process. CCBHCs must attain the individual's Discharge Plan from the Nursing Facility and include it in the individual's health record.

Allowable services would include those in alignment with the CCBHC demonstration services that are also necessary to enable an individual to transition into their own household such as:

- Assessing needs after discharge
- Working to identify and set up behavioral health services the individual will need after discharge
- Community services
- Non-medical transportation
- Education
- Employment
- Housing related services and supports

CCBHCs cannot provide primary care screening and monitoring, as this service would be duplicative to what is offered at the Nursing Facility. In addition, expenses for transitional services cannot constitute room and board, and do not include monthly rental or mortgage expense; food; regular utility charges; and/or household appliances or items that are intended for purely diversional/recreational purposes.

Finally, payments for transitional services provided to individuals under the CCBHC demonstration may only be paid after an individual is discharged from the Nursing Facility and cannot be duplicative of payments or services delivered to Medicaid beneficiaries under existing state Medicaid Waiver benefits.

Settings Where Non-duplicative CCBHC Services Can Be Provided

Across all service settings, Alabama CCBHCs are responsible for ensuring that PPS reimbursement is used to support and deliver the comprehensive scope of services required under the CCBHC framework. *The bundled PPS rate is designed to support an integrated continuum of treatment, rehabilitation, care coordination, and recovery services rather than isolated or separately reimbursed activities.*

In addition, there are a number of congregate care/residential service settings where CCBHCs are allowed to provide services to individuals residing in these settings, to support whole-person care. In some instances, there are limitations related to certain CCBHC services that would be duplicative of what is already offered by the congregate care/residential setting. These services are considered duplicative because similar services in the residential setting are appropriately reimbursed through alternative payment sources. In these instances, CCBHCs are able to provide non-duplicative services to individuals residing in these settings (those that are not indicated in the table below as being restricted). Further, with the individuals' consent, CCBHCs should coordinate with the congregate care/residential provider as part of the individual's Interdisciplinary Team.

Medicaid does not pay for services when an individual is residing in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD). An IMD is a hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of more than 16 beds that is "primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services."² In some cases, the below service settings might qualify as an IMD, depending on how many beds they have (e.g., the ASAM Level 3 Facilities, Nursing Homes). With that in mind, CCBHCs should assess each service setting to determine whether it qualifies as an IMD, before delivering any services at that setting. If guidance on this is needed, please reach out to the Office of CCBHC at ccbhc.dmh@mh.alabama.gov.

² <https://www.congress.gov/crs-product/IF10222>

Congregate Care/Residential Settings

Congregate Care/Residential Setting	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot</u> Be Provided to Individuals in this Setting (due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Congregate/Residential Program)	Other Considerations
EBP Supportive Housing	- Basic Living Skills (H0036) - Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	
Foster Homes	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Basic Living Skills (H0036)	Verify additionally approved services listed on ADMH approved Program Description to avoid duplication of services.
Basic Group Home – 3 bed/10 bed/16 bed	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Basic Living Skills (H0036)	Verify additionally approved services listed on ADMH approved Program Description to avoid duplication of services.
Behavioral Group Home – 10 bed/16 bed	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Basic Living Skills (H0036)	Verify additionally approved services listed on ADMH approved Program Description to avoid duplication of services.
Forensic Group Home – 16 beds	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Basic Living Skills (H0036)	Verify additionally approved services listed on ADMH approved Program Description to avoid duplication of services.
Medical Group Home – 10 bed/16 bed	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Primary Care Screening and Monitoring (96156)	Verify additionally approved services listed on ADMH approved Program Description to avoid duplication of services.

Congregate Care/Residential Setting	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot Be Provided to Individuals in this Setting</u> (due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Congregate/Residential Program)	Other Considerations
	- Medical Assessment and Treatment (H0004) - Basic Living Skills (H0036) - Psychoeducation Services (H2027) - Nursing Assessment and Care (T1001/T1002)	
Deaf Specialty Group Home	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Basic Living Skills (H0036)	Verify additionally approved services listed on ADMH approved Program Description to avoid duplication of services.
Child and Adolescent Residential - Moderate/Basic	- N/A – individuals living in these residential settings can receive all non-duplicative CCBHC services; however, CCBHCs must engage with these residential providers to monitor what they are providing at the residential setting to assure no duplicative services are provided	
SUD Level 3.01	- SUD-focused individual counseling (90832/90834/90837) - SUD-focused group treatment (90853) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Certified Recovery Support Specialist (H0038)	Engagement in Case Management services is optional for individuals being served by Level 3.01 facilities, so if an individual declines CM at their residential program, they can receive this service from the CCBHC. Note: This level of care will be discontinued in 2027

Congregate Care/Residential Setting	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot Be Provided to Individuals in this Setting</u> (due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Congregate/Residential Program)	Other Considerations
	- Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	
SUD ASAM Level 3.1 Facilities	- SUD-focused individual counseling (90832/90834/90837) - SUD-focused group treatment (90853) - Family Counseling (90846/90847/90849) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Certified Recovery Support Specialist (H0038) - Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	Because an individual may be in a phase of treatment where they are reintegrating into the community, the CCBHC may consider delivering MH services in the outpatient setting (or a hybrid model) with close coordination with the Level 3.1 provider.
SUD ASAM Level 3.3 Facilities	- SUD-focused individual counseling (90832/90834/90837) - SUD-focused group treatment (90853) - Family Counseling (90846/90847/90849) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Medication monitoring (H0034)	Because an individual's SUD is in an acute phase, services will likely be provided in the residential treatment setting. Because individuals at a 3.3 level of care often have specific cognitive needs, this should be incorporated into the treatment plan.

Congregate Care/Residential Setting	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot Be Provided to Individuals in this Setting</u> (due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Congregate/Residential Program)	Other Considerations
	- Certified Recovery Support Specialist (H0038) - Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	
SUD ASAM Level 3.5 Facilities General-Special Populations – Women/Adolescents	- SUD-focused individual counseling (90832/90834/90837) - SUD-focused group treatment (90853) - Family Counseling (90846/90847/90849) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Certified Recovery Support Specialist (H0038) - Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	Because an individual's SUD is in an acute phase, services will likely be provided in the residential treatment setting.
SUD ASAM Level 3.7 Facilities - Adults/Adolescents	- SUD-focused individual counseling (90832/90834/90837) - SUD-focused group treatment (90853) - Family Counseling (90846/90847/90849) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034)	Because an individual's SUD (and potentially medical/psychiatric co morbidities) is in an acute phase, services will likely be provided in the residential treatment provider.

Congregate Care/Residential Setting	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot Be Provided to Individuals in this Setting</u> (due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Congregate/Residential Program)	Other Considerations
	- Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Certified Recovery Support Specialist (H0038) - Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	
SUD ASAM Level 3.7 Withdrawal Management Facilities – Adults/Adolescents	- SUD-focused individual counseling (90832/90834/90837) - SUD-focused group treatment (90853) - Family Counseling (90846/90847/90849) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Certified Recovery Support Specialist (H0038) - Targeted Case Management (G9008/G9002)	Because an individual's SUD (and potentially medical/psychiatric co morbidities) is in an acute phase, services will likely be provided in the residential treatment provider.
Recovery Housing - Alabama Alliance of Christian Recovery Ministers (AACRM)/AARR/Oxford House	- N/A – individuals living in these residential settings can receive all CCBHC services	
Assisted Living Facilities	- Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372)	

Congregate Care/Residential Setting	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot Be Provided to Individuals in this Setting</u> <i>(due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Congregate/Residential Program)</i>	Other Considerations
Skilled Assisted Living Facilities	- Primary Care Screening and Monitoring (96156) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372)	
Emergency Shelters for Individuals who are Homeless	- N/A – individuals living in these residential settings can receive all CCBHC services; However, CCBHCs should engage with each individual shelter program to assure there are no duplicative services being offered within that service setting.	
General Medical Hospital	- Primary Care Screening and Monitoring (96156) - Medication administration – Oral (H0033) - Medication monitoring (H0034) - Medication Administration – Injectable (96372)	
Emergency Department	- N/A – individuals receiving services at an ED can receive all CCBHC services	Because the length of stay in Emergency Department settings is by nature short/temporary, CCBHCs can provide any CCBHC service meant to engage the individual in ongoing services while the individual is at the ED setting. However, the CCBHC must work with the ED facility in order to confirm that no duplicative services (e.g., a psychiatric assessment) are provided on the same

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		day.
Colleges/Universities	- N/A – individuals living in these residential settings can receive all CCBHC services; however, CCBHCs should work directly with the College/University to understand the services they offer and assure they are not duplicating services.	

Alabama Waiver Programs

In addition to the above, Alabama operates several Waiver programs for individuals with Intellectual Disabilities and Older Adults. Because these individuals may also be served by a CCBHC, CCBHCs should check the Medicaid system to verify that the individual receiving services is not receiving duplicative services through a Waiver program. If a provider requires training on checking for an individual's Waiver enrollment, they are encouraged to contact a Gainwell representative for assistance.

Alabama Waiver Program	Target Population	CCBHC Services that <u>Cannot Be Provided to Individuals Enrolled in that Waiver Program</u> (due to duplication in what is already funded/provided by the Waiver Program)
Intellectual Disabilities Waiver	- Adults and children who are living with intellectual disabilities who would otherwise qualify for care in an intermediate care facility	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills - Employment and Housing Linkage Support Services

Elderly and Disabled Waiver	- Individuals who are elderly and/or disabled who would otherwise require care in a nursing facility	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills
Alabama Community Transitions Waiver	- Individuals with disabilities or long-term illnesses who currently live in a nursing facility and who desire to transition to home and community setting	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills - Employment Support Services
State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL) Waiver	- Adults 18 years of age or older living with disabilities and specific medical diagnoses, who would otherwise qualify for care in a nursing care facility.	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills - Employment Support Services
Technology Assisted Waiver	- Individuals (over 21) who have had a tracheostomy or who are ventilator dependent and require skilled nursing services	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills - Employment Support Services
Community Waiver	- Individuals living with intellectual disabilities in Baldwin, Elmore, Houston, Jefferson, Limestone, Madison, Mobile, Montgomery, Morgan, Tuscaloosa, and Walker counties who fall into one of the following enrollment groups: - o Group 1: Children (ages 3-13) with intellectual disabilities who live with family or other natural supports - o Group 2: Transition-age youth with intellectual disabilities who (ages 14-21) live with family or other natural supports or who (ages 18-21) live independently - o Group 3: Working age or older adults (ages 22+) with intellectual disabilities who live with family or other natural supports or who live independently. - o Group 4: Persons (ages 3+) with intellectual disabilities who are unable	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills - Employment and Housing Linkage Support Services

	to live with family or other natural supports or to live independently. Group 5: Working-age or older adults (ages 22+) with intellectual disabilities, who don't qualify for the level of care offered in Group 3 but need home and community-based services to maintain community living and/or work in the community.	
Living at Home Waiver	Adults and children 3 years or older who have a diagnosis of intellectual disabilities who would otherwise qualify for care in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)	- Targeted Case Management - Basic Living Skills - Employment and Housing Linkage Support Services

Regardless of service setting, each CCBHC is responsible for assuring services provided are not duplicative to other services the individual is receiving. For example, individuals receiving basic living skills services and other support for activities of daily living from their congregate care setting are not eligible to receive these services from the CCBHC.

Assuring Non-Duplication Between CCBHC and Other Initiatives

CCBHCs are responsible for assuring that CCBHC Cost Reporting, billing, and service delivery does not duplicate other programs/initiatives/services for which they receive funding. Agencies seeking CCBHC certification should review their ADMH Contracts and other funding streams, to ensure activities included in their CCBHC are not otherwise funded by other sources. In addition, CCBHCs should ensure that individuals served do not receive services through two programs that are duplicative, such as those restricted CCBHC services that are outlined below related to non-allowable CCBHC services within certain Service Settings.

With each CCBHC, the Office of CCBHC will host a meeting (including other ADMH stakeholders as appropriate) to review the agency's ADMH contract and discuss what will get included under the CCBHC versus what will be carved out. At any point, should an agency have any questions about what may constitute duplication with your CCBHC program, please do reach out to the Office of CCBHC at ccbhc.dmh@mh.alabama.gov.

Triggering Event Services

The following services are included as triggering events. For clarity and consistency, they are presented in the same sequence as they appear in the officially approved list of triggering events on the Provider Resource section of the CCBHC [webpage](#).

Intake Evaluation - 90791

Definition:

Initial clinical evaluation of the individual's request for assistance. Individuals receiving substance use services undergo standardized psychosocial assessment. The intake evaluation presents psychological and social functioning, individual's reported physical and medical condition, the need for additional evaluation and/or treatment, and the individual's fitness for rehabilitative services.

Key service functions include the following:

- A clinical interview with the individual receiving services and/or collateral
- Screening for needed medical, psychiatric, or neurological assessment, as well as other specialized evaluations
- A brief mental status evaluation
- Review of the individual's presenting problem, symptoms, functional deficits, and history
- Initial diagnostic formulation
- Development of an initial plan for subsequent treatment and/or evaluation
- Referral to other medical, professional, or community services as indicate

Evaluation may incorporate the use of play equipment, physical devices, language interpreters, or other aids to enhance therapeutic interaction.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All types)

Maximum Unit(s):

Unlimited (Mental Illness)

1 per year (Substance Use)

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Treatment Plan Review (H0032), Individual Counseling (90832-HF, 90834-HF, 90837-HF), Group Counseling (90853-HF), Family Counseling (90846-HF, 90847-HF), Multi Family Group Psychotherapy (90849-HF)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Intake Evaluation	90791	HE	Q2		
Intake Evaluation	90791	HF	Q2		

Intake Evaluation	90791	HE	GT	Q2	
Intake Evaluation	90791	HF	GT	Q2	
Intake Evaluation	90791	HE	FQ	Q2	
Intake Evaluation	90791	HF	FQ	Q2	
Intake Evaluation	90791	HF	HA	Q2	
Intake Evaluation	90791	HF	HH	Q2	
Intake Evaluation	90791	HF	HD	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individuals' rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Cannot be billed on the same day with H0031(Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Assessment Update).

An intake evaluation must be performed for each individual considered for initial entry into a treatment program. This requirement applies to any organized program or course of covered services that an individual enters or attends to receive scheduled or planned rehabilitative services. Individuals who are transferred between programs within an agency do not require a new intake at the time of transfer.

Individual Counseling – 90832, 90834, 90837

Definition:

The utilization of professional skills by a qualified practitioner to assist an individual in a face-to-face (in person or via telemedicine), one-to-one psychotherapeutic encounter in achieving specific objectives of treatment or care for a mental health and/or a substance use disorder. Services are generally directed toward alleviating maladaptive functioning and emotional disturbances relative to a mental health and/or substance use disorder, and restoration of the individual to a level of functioning capable of supporting and sustaining recovery. Individual Counseling may consist of insight oriented, behavior modifying, supportive, or interactive psychotherapeutic services.

Key service functions include the following:

- Interaction where interventions are tailored toward achieving specific goals and/or objectives of the individual's treatment plan
- On-going assessment of the individual's presenting condition and progress made in treatment.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)

QSAP II

Maximum Unit(s):

52 per year

Billing Restrictions:

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), Adult Intensive Day Treatment (H2012), Child & Adolescent Day Treatment (H2012-HA), In-Home Intervention (H2021, H2022-HA), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040-HQ), Intake (90791-HF), Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification With Extended On-Site Monitoring (II-D) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification Without Extended On-Site Monitoring (I-D) (H0014)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Individual Tx	90832	HE	Q2		
Individual Tx	90832	HF	Q2		
Individual Tx	90832	HE	GT	Q2	
Individual Tx	90832	HF	GT	Q2	
Individual Tx	90832	HE	FQ	Q2	
Individual Tx	90832	HF	FQ	Q2	
Individual Tx	90834	HE	Q2		
Individual Tx	90834	HF	Q2		
Individual Tx	90834	HE	GT	Q2	
Individual Tx	90834	HF	GT	Q2	
Individual Tx	90834	HE	FQ	Q2	
Individual Tx	90834	HF	FQ	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HE	Q2		
Individual Tx	90837	HF	Q2		
Individual Tx	90837	HE	GT	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HF	GT	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HE	FQ	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HF	FQ	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HF	HH	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HF	HA	Q2	
Individual Tx	90837	HF	HD	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and the staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic

environment, and that protects the individuals' rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Individual Therapy/Counseling for mental health shall include at a minimum:

- Face-to-face interaction where interventions are tailored toward achieving specific measurable goals and/or objectives of the individual's treatment plan.
- On-going assessment of the individual's preexisting condition and progress being made in treatment.
- Symptom management education and education about mental illness and medication effects.
- Psychological support, problem solving, and assistance in adapting to illness.
- **Code 90832** = therapy given for **16 to 37 minutes**
- **Code 90834** = therapy given for **38 to 52 minutes**
- **Code 90837** = therapy given for **53 minutes or greater**

Family Counseling – 90846, 90847, 90849

Definition:

An individual receiving a focused intervention that may include the individual receiving services, his/her family unit and/or significant others, and a qualified practitioner. This service is designed to maximize strengths and to reduce behavior problems and/or functional deficits stemming from the existence of a substance use disorder (and any co-occurring mental health disorder) that interferes with the individuals' personal, familial, vocational, and/or community functioning.

Family Therapy shall include at a minimum:

- Face-to-face interaction with the individual receiving services, family, and/or significant others where interventions are tailored toward achieving specific measurable goals and/or objectives of the individual's treatment plan.
- On-going assessment of the individual's presenting condition and progress being made in treatment.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)
QSAP II

Maximum Unit(s):

104 per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), Adult Intensive Day Treatment (H2012), Child and Adolescent Day Treatment (H2012-HA), In-Home Intervention (H2021, H2022-HA), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040- HQ), Intake (90791-HF), Opioid Use Disorder

Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (II-D) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification Without Extended Onsite Monitoring (I-D) (H0014)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HE	Q2		
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HF	Q2		
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HE	GT	Q2	
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HF	GT	Q2	
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HE	FQ	Q2	
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HF	FQ	Q2	
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HF	HA	Q2	
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HF	HD	Q2	
Family Tx W/o Pt	90846	HF	HH	Q2	
Family Tx W/ Pt	90847	HE	Q2		
Family Tx W/ Pt	90847	HF	Q2		
Family Tx W/ Pt	90847	HE	GT	Q2	
Family Tx W/ Pt	90847	HF	GT	Q2	
Family Tx W/ Pt	90847	HE	FQ	Q2	
Family Tx W/ Pt	90847	HF	FQ	Q2	
Family Tx W/Pt	90847	HF	HA	Q2	
Family Tx W/Pt	90847	HF	HD	Q2	
Family Tx W/Pt	90847	HF	HH	Q2	
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HE	Q2		
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HF	Q2		
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HE	GT	Q2	
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HF	GT	Q2	
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HF	HA	Q2	
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HF	HD	Q2	
Family Tx Multi-fam group	90849	HF	HH	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individuals' rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Family Treatment Multi-Family Group (90849) shall include at a minimum:

- Length of Service – 60 minutes minimally
- Face to face interaction with a group of individuals (not to exceed sixteen (16) for groups with only adults and ten (10) for groups involving children and adolescents) where interventions use the interactions of individuals and group dynamics to achieve specific goals and/or objectives of the individual's treatment plan.
- On-going assessment of the individual's presenting condition and progress being made in treatment

Family therapy is defined as the treatment of family members as a family unit, rather than an individual patient. When family therapy without the patient present (90846) or family therapy with the patient present (90847) is provided, the session is billed as one service (one family unit), regardless of the number of individuals present at the session.

When a family consists of a Medicaid eligible adult and child(ren) and the therapy is not directed at one specific child, services may be directed to the adult for effective treatment of the family unit to address the adult's issues and impact on the family. If the adult is not eligible and the family therapy is directed to the adult and not the child, the service may not be billed using the child's recipient ID number.

A family is not a group, and providers may not submit a claim for each eligible person attending the same family's therapy session. All members of the family in attendance for the session will sign/mark the signature log or progress note to document their participation in the session (in addition to the therapist documenting their presence/participation).

Group Treatment - 90853

Definition:

The utilization of professional skills by a qualified practitioner to assist two or more individuals in a group setting in achieving specific objectives of treatment or care for mental health or substance use disorder. Services are generally directed toward alleviating maladaptive functioning and behavioral, psychological, and/or emotional disturbances, and utilization of the shared experiences of the group's members to assist in restoration of each participant to a level of functioning capable of supporting and sustaining recovery. Group Counseling may consist of insight-oriented, behavior-modifying, supportive, or interactive psychotherapeutic service strategies.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)
QSAP II

Maximum Unit(s):

104 episodes per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), Adult Intensive Day Treatment (H2012), Child & Adolescent Day Treatment (H2012-HA), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040-HQ), Intake (90791-HF), Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (II-D) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification without Extended On-Site Monitoring (I-D) (H0014).

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Group Tx	90853	HE	Q2		
Group Tx	90853	HF	Q2		
Group Tx	90853	HE	GT	Q2	
Group Tx	90853	HF	GT	Q2	
Group Tx	90853	HF	HA	Q2	
Group Tx	90853	HF	HD	Q2	
Group Tx	90853	HF	HH	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individuals' rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Group Counseling shall include at a minimum:

- Face to face interaction with a group of individuals (not to exceed sixteen (16) for adults and ten (10) for children and adolescents) where interventions utilize the interactions of individuals and group dynamics to achieve specific goals and/or objectives of the individual's treatment plan.
- On-going assessment of the individual's presenting condition and progress being made in treatment

Diagnostic Testing Administered by Physician – 96130, 96131, 96136, & 96137

Definition:

Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour in a face-to-face (in person or via telemedicine) interaction between the individual receiving services and the psychologist or psychiatrist and interpretation of the test results to assist with a definitive diagnosis. Once the

diagnosis has been confirmed, this information is used to guide proper treatment by the development of an individualized, person-centered treatment plan.

Eligible Practitioners:

Psychiatrist or Psychologist licensed under Alabama law.

Maximum Unit(s):

96130- 1 per year

96131- 7 per year

96136 - 1 per year

96137- 11 per year

Billing Restrictions

None

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96130	HE	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96130	HF	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96130	HE	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96130	HF	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96131	HE	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96131	HF	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96131	HE	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96131	HF	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96136	HE	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96136	HF	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96136	HE	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96136	HF	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96137	HE	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96137	HF	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing -Psychologist/Extenders	96137	HE	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing - Psychologist/Extenders	96137	HF	GT	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individuals' rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Evaluation services include interpretation of test results and clinical data, integration of

patient data, clinical decision-making, treatment planning, report generation, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s). The first hour of psychological evaluation is billed using 96130 and each additional hour needed to complete the service is billed with the add-on code 96131.

Test administration and scoring services performed by the psychologist includes time spent to administer and score a minimum of two (2) psychological tests. The first 30 minutes of test administration and scoring are billed using 96136 and each additional 30-minute increment needed to complete the service is billed with code 96137.

Diagnostic testing may be billed at any time during treatment so long as the annual cap is not exceeded.

The time started and time ended of service delivery will not include time spent for scoring, interpretation and report writing (at this time). Billing should reflect the total time for face-to-face (in person or via telemedicine) administration, scoring, interpretation and report writing. The test(s) given on the date of service billed must be documented in the treatment note for post payment review purposes.

Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disability/Autism Spectrum diagnosis codes (ICD-10 F70-F89) are not covered for treatment services; however, Medicaid will cover diagnostic testing, status exam (96130/96131, 96136/96137), even if the resulting diagnosis is intellectual/developmental disability secondary to a primary mental health diagnosis.

Diagnostic Testing Administered by Technician – 96138 & 96139

Definition:

Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour in a face-to-face (in person or via telemedicine) interaction between the individual receiving services and the psychologist or psychiatrist and interpretation of the test results to assist with a definitive diagnosis. Once the diagnosis has been confirmed, this information is used to guide proper treatment by the development of an individualized, person-centered treatment plan.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (operating within their scope of practice and consistent with the individual's training and experience)

An individual possessing a master's degree or above from a university or college with an accredited program for the respective degree in psychology, social work, counseling or other human service field areas and who meets at least one of the following qualifications:

- Has successfully completed a practicum as a part of the requirements for the degree
- Has six months of post master's level clinical experience supervised by a master's level or above clinician with two years of postgraduate clinical experience

Maximum Unit(s):

96138- 1 per year

96139- 11 per year

Billing Restrictions

None

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96138	HE	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96138	HF	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96138	HE	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96138	HF	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96139	HE	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96139	HF	Q2		
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96139	HE	GT	Q2	
Diagnostic Testing – Technician	96139	HF	GT	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHC services that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individuals' rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

The first 30 minutes are billed using 96138 and each additional 30-minute increment is billed with 96139.

Psychological Evaluation services include interpretation of test results and clinical data, integration of patient data, clinical decision-making, treatment planning, report generation, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s).

Evaluation services must always be performed by the professional prior to test administration, and must be billed on the last date of service, but documented in the medical record the actual date(s) the service is performed

Test administration and scoring services performed by the Technician includes time spent to administer and score a minimum of two (2) psychological tests.

The first 30 minutes of test administration and scoring is billed using 96138 and each additional 30-minute increment needed to complete the service is billed with code 96139.

Medication Administration – Injectable - 96372

Definition:

Administration of injectable medication under the direction of a physician, physician assistant or certified registered nurse practitioner.

Eligible Practitioners:

Physician

Physician Assistant

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)

Registered Nurse (RN) (licensed under Alabama law)

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (licensed under Alabama law under the direction of a physician)

A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT)

Maximum Unit(s):

1095 per year

Billing Restrictions:

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040-HQ), Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (II-D) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification Without Extended Onsite Monitoring (I-D) (H0014), Vivitrol (J2315).

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Med Admin – Injectable	96372	HE	Q2		
Med Admin – Injectable	96372	HF	HA	Q2	
Med Admin – Injectable	96372	HF	HD	Q2	
Med Admin- Injectable	96372	HF	Q2		

Additional Information:

This service does not include the intravenous administration of medications. Utilization will be monitored through retrospective reviews.

For individuals receiving substance use services, this service cannot be billed if the MAS nurse has determined they are capable of self- administration.

For payment processing for 96372, only one claim can be processed per day, for a maximum

unit of three (3).

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHC services that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality. Location should follow all applicable federal, state, and local codes.

Additional Information:

Best practice for providers documenting time-based E/M services is to note:

- The total time of the visit;
- The total time spent in counseling or coordination of care; and
- A synopsis of the discussion.

The note within the medical record should be a thorough account of the activity with the patient, the recommendations, and the patient's concerns. The clinician shouldn't limit the documentation to only the time and counseling information but should also include information gathered from the history and examination elements, as well as Medical Decision-Making concerns, ordered and reviewed tests, co-morbid conditions, etc., to further substantiate the level of service and the time spent counseling.

Behavioral Health Placement Screening – H0002

Definition:

A structured interview process conducted by a qualified professional for the purpose of identifying an individual receiving services presenting strengths and needs and establishing a corresponding recommendation for placement in an appropriate level of care. This process may incorporate determination of the appropriateness of admission/commitment to a state psychiatric hospital or a local inpatient psychiatric unit.

Key service functions include the following:

- A clinical assessment of the individual receiving services need for local or state psychiatric hospitalization.
- An assessment of whether the individual receiving services meets involuntary commitment criteria, if applicable
- Preparation of reports for the judicial system and/or testimony presented during the course of commitment hearing
- An assessment of whether other less restrictive treatment alternatives are appropriate and available.
- Referral to other appropriate and available treatment alternatives

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)

Licensed Registered Nurse

Maximum Units:

16 per year

Billing Restrictions

None

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Behavioral Health Screening	H0002	HE	Q2		
Behavioral Health Screening	H0002	HE	GT	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHC services that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality. Location should follow all applicable federal, state, and local codes.

Additional Information:

For CCBHCs, Z04.6 is covered for this service.

For CCBHCs, this service also covers children/adolescents' assessments for appropriate level of care and/or appropriate community-based services to divert from out-of-home placement.

Medical Assessment and Treatment – H0004

Definition:

Contact with an individual during which a qualified practitioner provides psychotherapy and/or medical management services. Services may include physical examinations, evaluation of co-morbid medical conditions, development or management of medication regimens, the provision of insight oriented, behavior modifying, supportive, or interactive psychotherapeutic services, or the provision of educational services related to management of a physical, mental health, or substance use disorder.

Key service functions include the following:

- Specialized medical/psychiatric assessment of physiological phenomena
- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
- Medical/psychiatric therapeutic services
- Assessment of the appropriateness of initiating or continuing the use of psychotropic or detoxification medication

Eligible Practitioners:

Physician (licensed under Alabama law to practice medicine or osteopathy)

Physician Assistant (licensed under Alabama law and practicing within the guidelines outlined by Alabama Board of Medical Examiners)

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) (licensed under Alabama law practicing within the scope as defined by the Joint Committee of the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners for Advanced Practice Nurses)

Maximum Unit(s):

52 per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040-HQ), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (IID) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification Without Extended On-Site Monitoring (I-D) (H0014)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HE	Q2		
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HF	Q2		
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HE	GT	Q2	
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HF	GT	Q2	
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HE	FQ	Q2	
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HF	FQ	Q2	
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HF	HA	Q2	
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HF	HD	Q2	
Medical Assessment & Treatment	H0004	HF	HH	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting that is acceptable for CCBHCs for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

All services rendered by a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner that meet the definition above should be billed under this code including those rendered via teleconference with a direct service or consultation recipient.

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders Assessment Update – H0031

Definition:

A structured interview process that functions to evaluate an individual receiving services

present level of functioning and/or presenting needs. The assessment is used to establish additional or modify existing diagnoses, establish new or additional rehabilitation service goals, assess progress toward goals, and/or to determine the need for continued care, transfer, or discharge. ***The use of the ADMH Update Assessment tool is a required element.***

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)

Maximum Unit(s):

56 units per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Intake Evaluation (90791)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders Update	H0031	HF	GT	Q2	
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders Update	H0031	HF	Q2		

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Medication Administration – Oral – H0033

Definition:

Administration of oral medication under the direction of a physician, physician assistant, or certified registered nurse practitioner.

Eligible Practitioners:

Registered Nurse (RN) (licensed under Alabama law)

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) (licensed under Alabama law under the direction of a physician)

A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT).

MAC Worker

QSAP I, II, and III

Qualified Paraprofessional (QPP) (must hold a current MAC certification)

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (must hold a current MAC certification)

Maximum Unit(s):

1095 per year

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Med Admin – Oral	H0033	HE	Q2		
Med Admin – Oral	H0033	HF	Q2		
Med Admin - Oral	H0033	HF	HA	Q2	
Med Admin - Oral	H0033	HF	HD	Q2	
Med Admin - Oral	H0033	HF	HH	Q2	

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040 HQ), Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (II-D) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification Without Extended Onsite Monitoring (I-D) (H0014), Vivitrol (J2315).

Additional Information:

This service does not include the intravenous administration of medications, nor does it include the preparation of medication trays in a residential setting. **Utilization will be monitored through retrospective reviews.**

For individuals receiving substance use services, this service cannot be billed if the MAS nurse has determined they are capable of self-administration.

For payment processing H0033, only one claim can be processed per day (1-3) for a maximum unit of three (3).

H0033 refers to oral medication administration with direct observation. This code should be reserved for circumstances in which an allowable oral medication is administered or taken under direct observation and the record supports the specific medication, the individual receiving the service, the date of service, the staff role, and the clinical reason direct observation was required.

CCBHCs may not bill the PPS rate for Medication Administration - Oral (H0033) when this service is provided as stand-alone service and is not part of a comprehensive CCBHC treatment episode. The PPS rate is intended to support individuals who are engaged in the comprehensive, coordinated continuum of CCBHC care, with the CCBHC delivering and overseeing the core treatment, rehabilitation, and care coordination services identified in the individual's treatment plan. While medication administration remains an important component of care, this service alone does not constitute the full scope of CCBHC services necessary to support PPS billing.

Therefore, effective October 1, 2026, providers may continue to furnish and bill Medication Administration - Oral (H0033) through the applicable fee-for-service rehabilitation benefit when this service is provided outside of a comprehensive CCBHC treatment episode; however, the CCBHC PPS rate may not be billed when these services are the only CCBHC

services provided to an individual.

Key Clarifications Related to MAC Workers and Medication Administration/Monitoring Services:

All services rendered by an ADMH MAC worker must adhere to the following administrative rules and regulations:

- Alabama Board of Nursing, Alabama Administrative Code Chapter 610-X-14, Medication Assistant, Certified (MAC), including Rule 610-X-14-.13, Standards and Scope of Practice.
- Alabama Board of Nursing, Alabama Administrative Code Rule 610-X-7-.06, Alabama Department of Mental Health Residential Community Programs.
- Alabama Department of Mental Health, Nurse Delegation Program and MAS Nurse Manual: The MAS-MAC Connection, MAC II Instructor Manual for programs certified by ADMH.
- American Medical Association, CPT® Coding Resources and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) coding resources; Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HCPCS Level II Coding Procedures.

For more information, see Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse.

Medication Monitoring – H0034

Definition:

Contact between the individual receiving services and an eligible provider, or child and adolescent services professional, monitoring compliance with dosage instructions; educating the individual and/or collateral of expected effects of medications; and identifying changes in the medication regimen.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)

Qualified Mental Health Provider – Bachelor's

QSAP II & III

Registered Nurse (RN) licensed under Alabama law.

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensed under Alabama law

Pharmacist licensed under Alabama law

Certified Nursing Assistant

A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT)

Maximum Unit(s):

52 per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Partial Hospitalization (H0035), In-Home Intervention (H2021, H2022-HA), ACT (H0040), PACT (H0040- HQ), Opioid Use Disorders Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (IID) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification without Extended On-Site Monitoring (I-D) (H0014), or Vivitrol (J2315)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Med Monitoring	H0034	HE	Q2		
Med Monitoring	H0034	HF	Q2		
Med Monitoring	H0034	HE	GT	Q2	
Med Monitoring	H0034	HF	GT	Q2	
Med Monitoring	H0034	HE	FQ	Q2	
Med Monitoring	H0034	HF	FQ	Q2	
Med Monitoring	H0034	HF	HA	Q2	
Med Monitoring	H0034	HF	HD	Q2	
Med Monitoring	H0034	HF	HH	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality

Additional Information:

H0034 refers to medication training and support, reported per 15 minutes. This code should be used only when staff provide individualized education, coaching, monitoring support, or medication-related skill building that is medically necessary, separately identifiable, and documented as distinct from routine medication pass, general supervision, or administrative follow-up.

In addition, beginning October 1, 2026, CCBHCs may not bill the PPS rate for Medication Monitoring (H0034) when these services are provided as stand-alone services and are not part of a comprehensive CCBHC treatment episode. Providers may continue to furnish and bill Medication Monitoring (H0034) through the applicable fee-for-service rehabilitation benefit when this service is provided outside of a comprehensive CCBHC treatment episode; however, the CCBHC PPS rate may not be billed when this service is the only CCBHC services provided to an individual.

Therefore, effective October 1, 2026, providers may continue to furnish and bill Medication Monitoring (H0034) through the applicable fee-for-service rehabilitation benefit when this service is provided outside of a comprehensive CCBHC treatment episode; however, the CCBHC

PPS rate may not be billed when these services are the only CCBHC services provided to an individual.

For more information, see Key Clarifications Related to MAC Workers and Medication Administration/Monitoring Services above (Medication Administration (Oral)).

For more information, see Preventing Fraud, Waste and Abuse.

Peer Support Services – H0038

The following information is applicable to all Peer Support Services (H0038) provided by a CCBHC:

Definition:

Peer Support Services (Adult/Child and Adolescent/Family/Recovery Support Specialist) provide structured, scheduled activities that promote socialization, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills, by Certified Peer Specialists (Adult, Youth, Family Peer Specialists, Recovery Support Specialists).

Peer Support service actively engages and empowers an individual and his/her identified supports in leading and directing the design of the service plan and thereby ensures that the plan reflects the needs and preferences of the individual (and family when appropriate) with the goal of active participation in this process. Additionally, this service provides support and coaching interventions to individuals (and family when appropriate) to promote recovery, resiliency and healthy lifestyles and to reduce identifiable behavioral health and physical health risks and increase healthy behaviors intended to prevent the onset of disease or lessen the impact of existing chronic health conditions.

Peer support provides effective techniques that focus on the individual's self-management and decision making about healthy choices, which ultimately extend the members' lifespan. Family peer specialists assist children, youth, and families to participate in the wraparound planning process, access services, and navigate complicated adult/child - serving agencies.

Maximum Unit(s):

2080 per year for Individual

2080 per year for Group

Billing Restrictions

Certified Peer Services – Adult may not be billed in combination with Therapeutic Mentoring (H2019), Certified Peer Services – Youth (H0038 HE: HA), and Adult In-Home Intervention (H2021) if one of the team members is a Certified Peer Specialist-Adult.

Certified Peer Specialist – Adult

Eligible Practitioners:

Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist – Adult*

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)*

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Individual	H0038	HE	Q2		
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Individual	H0038	HF	Q2		
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Individual	H0038	HE	GT	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Individual	H0038	HF	GT	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Individual	H0038	HE	FQ	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Individual	H0038	HF	FQ	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Group	H0038	HE	HQ	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Group	H0038	HF	HQ	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Group	H0038	HE	HQ	GT	Q2
Certified Peer Specialist - Adult – Group	H0038	HF	HQ	GT	Q2

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

MI Youth Peer Services and/or MI Parent Peer Services can be billed during a Child and Family Care Team meeting when the Target 10 SED care plan is being developed or reviewed, if they are providing peer service that is documented on the treatment plan.

Peer Services should follow service delivery patterns taught in the ADMH approved Certified Peer Specialist training to maintain the consistency and fidelity of the model.

The following information specifically relates to different types of Peer Support Services – Adult, Youth, Parent – that are provided by a CCBHC:

Certified Peer Specialist – Youth

Eligible Practitioners:

Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist – Youth*

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Certified Peer Specialist - Youth – Individual	H0038	HE	HA	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Youth – Individual	H0038	HE	HA	GT	Q2
Certified Peer Specialist - Youth – Individual	H0038	HE	HA	FQ	Q2
Certified Peer Specialist - Youth – Group	H0038	HE	HA	HQ	Q2
Certified Peer Specialist - Youth – Group	H0038	HE	HA	HQ	Q2

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

MI Youth Peer Services and/or MI Parent Peer Services can be billed during a Child and Family Care Team meeting when the Target 10 SED care plan is being developed or reviewed, if they are providing peer service that is documented on the treatment plan.

Peer Services should follow service delivery patterns taught in the ADMH approved Certified Peer Specialist training to maintain the consistency and fidelity of the model.

The following information specifically relates to different types of Peer Support Services – Adult, Youth, Parent – that are provided by a CCBHC:

Billing Restrictions

Certified Peer Services – Youth may not be billed in combination with Therapeutic Mentoring (H2019), and Certified Peer Services – Adult (H0038-HE).

Certified Peer Specialist – Parent**Eligible Practitioners:**

Certified Mental Health Peer Specialists – Parent*

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Certified Peer Specialist - Parent – Individual	H0038	HE	HS	Q2	
Certified Peer Specialist - Parent – Individual	H0038	HE	HS	GT	Q2
Certified Peer Specialist - Parent – Individual	H0038	HE	HS	FQ	Q2
Certified Peer Specialist - Parent – Group	H0038	HE	HS	HQ	Q2

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic

environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

MI Youth Peer Services and/or MI Parent Peer Services can be billed during a Child and Family Care Team meeting when the Target 10 SED care plan is being developed or reviewed, if they are providing peer service that is documented on the treatment plan.

Peer Services should follow service delivery patterns taught in the ADMH approved Certified Peer Specialist training to maintain the consistency and fidelity of the model.

The following information specifically relates to different types of Peer Support Services – Adult, Youth, Parent – that are provided by a CCBHC:

Billing Restrictions

Certified Peer Services – Parent cannot be billed in combination with C&A In-Home Intervention (H2022- HA) if one of the team members is a Certified Peer Specialist – Parent.

**All Certified Mental Health Peer Specialists – Youth, Adult, and Parent*

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)-Adult-Group & Adult-Individual

Definition:

Certified Recovery Support Specialists (CRSS) may offer peer support based on lived experience and training; provide emotional, practical, and recovery-oriented assistance. They may also work alongside clinical providers to support treatment goals. CRSS serves individuals with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders, as determined by medical necessity.

Eligible Practitioners:

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)*

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) must meet the following minimum qualifications: (i) Certified by ADMH as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) within six (6) months of date of hire, (ii) and has 2 years verified lived experience and (iii) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified QSAP I.

Procedure Code and Modifiers

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Group	H0038	HF	HD	HQ	Q2
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Group	H0038	HF	HH	HQ	Q2
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Group	H0038	HF	HQ	GT	Q2
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Group	H0038	HF	HQ	Q2	
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Individual	H0038	HF	FQ	Q2	
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Individual	H0038	HF	GT	Q2	
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Individual	H0038	HF	HD	Q2	
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Individual	H0038	HF	HH	Q2	
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Adult - Individual	H0038	HF	Q2		

**All Certified Recovery Support Specialists must successfully complete an approved AMA Peer training program authorized by the appropriate state agency department within six (6) months of date of hire.*

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)- Parent-Group**Procedure Codes and Modifiers**

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Parent - Group	H0038	HF	HS	HQ	Q2
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Definition:

A Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)- Parent-Group- is a qualified peer professional who can work with and alongside parents to support their recovery journey, connect them to resources, and help them build skills, confidence, and resilience in managing their own recovery while supporting their children and families.

Eligible Practitioners:

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)*

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) must meet the following minimum qualifications: (i) Certified by ADMH as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) within six (6) months of date of hire, (ii) and has 2 years verified lived experience and (iii) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified QSAP I.

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)-Youth Group and Youth Individual

Definition:

A Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)- Youth Individual - Youth Group- a qualified peer professional who can work with and alongside other youth to support their recovery journey, connect them to resources, and help them build skills, confidence, and resilience in managing their own recovery.

Procedure Code and Modifiers

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Youth - Group	H0038	HF	HA	HQ	Q2
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Youth - Individual	H0038	HF	HA	FQ	Q2
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Youth - Individual	H0038	HF	HA	GT	Q2
Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Youth - Individual	H0038	HF	HA	Q2	

Eligible Practitioners:

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)*

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting for CCBHCs that is acceptable for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) must meet the following minimum qualifications: (i) Certified by ADMH as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) within six (6) months of date of hire, (ii) and has 2 years verified lived experience and (iii) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified QSAP I.

Crisis Intervention – H2011

Definition:

Immediate emergency intervention with an individual, or the individual's collateral* (in person or by telephone) to ameliorate a maladaptive emotional/behavioral reaction by the individual. Service is designed to resolve crisis and develop symptomatic relief, increase knowledge of resources to assist in mitigating a future crisis, and facilitate return to pre-crisis routine functioning. Interventions include a brief, situational assessment; verbal interventions to de-escalate the crisis; assistance in immediate crisis resolution; mobilization of natural and formal support systems; and referral to alternate services at the appropriate level.

Key service functions include the following:

- Specifying factors that led to the individual receiving services' crisis state, when known
- Identifying the maladaptive reactions exhibited by the individual receiving services
- Evaluating the potential for rapid regression
- Resolving the crisis
- Referring the individual receiving services for treatment at an alternative setting, when indicated

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)

Registered Nurse (RN) licensed under Alabama law

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensed under Alabama law

Certified Nursing Assistant

A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT)

Qualified Mental Health Provider – Bachelor's

Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist (Youth, Adult, and Parent)

QSAP II & III

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)

Maximum Unit(s):

20 per day; 7,300 per calendar year

Billing Restrictions:

May not be billed in combination with In-Home Intervention (H2021, H2022-HA), ACT(H0040), PACT (H0040-HQ), Opioid Use Disorder Treatment (H0020), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification with Extended On-Site Monitoring (II-D) (H0013), Outpatient Detoxification – Ambulatory Detoxification without Extended On-Site Monitoring (I-D) (H0014)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Crisis Intervention	H2011	HE	Q2		
Crisis Intervention	H2011	HF	Q2		

Crisis Intervention	H2011	HE	GT	Q2	
Crisis Intervention	H2011	HF	GT	Q2	
Crisis Intervention	H2011	HE	FQ	Q2	
Crisis Intervention	H2011	HF	FQ	Q2	

Service Location:

H2011 may be billed when services are provided outside of a crisis stabilization center setting. Services can be delivered in any allowable setting that is acceptable for CCBHCs for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

If the individual receiving service is unable to sign a receipt for service or if the service is rendered by phone, the documentation in the individual's record should so indicate.

Billing for CCBHC Crisis Intervention Services:

H2011 HE/HF/GT/FQ – Crisis Intervention:

Immediate emergency intervention with a recipient, or the recipient's collateral* (in person or by telephone) to ameliorate a maladaptive emotional/behavioral reaction by the recipient. ***CCBHCs bill H2011 when an individual's crisis needs are able to be stabilized virtually (i.e., no in-community response is needed), or when the Crisis Intervention service is provided at a standing location where CCBHC services are regularly provided.***

Service is designed to resolve crisis and develop symptomatic relief, increase knowledge of resources to assist in mitigating a future crisis, and facilitate return to pre-crisis routine functioning. Interventions include a brief, situational assessment; verbal interventions to de-escalate the crisis; assistance in immediate crisis resolution; mobilization of natural and formal support systems; and referral to alternate services at the appropriate level.

Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) – S9485

Definition:

Mobile Crisis Teams (MCT) are designed to specifically diffuse and mitigate a behavioral health crisis. MCT services offer Community-based interventions to adults, children/youth, and their families experiencing a behavioral health crisis-whether in their homes, schools, or communities.

Each time a mobile crisis service is provided within a 72-hour period, CCBHCs will bill S9485 (HE/HF) to trigger a CCBHC Prospective Payment System payment.

MCT Services may include:

- Intake Evaluation

- Crisis Intervention
- Behavioral Health Placement Assessment
- Psychoeducational Services
- Individual Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Mental Health Care Coordination
- Adult Peer Support Services
- Youth Peer Support Services

Eligible Practitioners:

MCT ("Team") must include a team of at least two of the following licensed and/or credentialed staff members, one of whom is in a supervisory role who has expertise and experience using evidence-based assessment tools with target populations:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (Master's Level and Above)

Qualified Mental Health Provider (Bachelor's Level)

Mental Health Certified Adult Peer (CPS-A)

Mental Health Certified Youth Peer (CPS-Y)

Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)

The team must include, at a minimum, at least one individual who may conduct an assessment within their authorized scope of practice under state law and other professionals or paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health care.

Maximum Unit(s):

1 episode per 72 hours; 96 per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Intake Evaluation (90791), Crisis Intervention (H2011), Individual Counseling (90832, 90834, 90837), Family Counseling (90846, 90847, 90849), Mental Health Care Coordination (H0046), Psychoeducational Services (H2027), Behavioral Health Placement Assessment (H0002), and Mental & Substance Use Disorders Assessment (H0031-HF). Also, CPS-Adult (H0038-HE) and CRSS (H2019) when the team member is a Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist – Adult or CRSS.

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) - Adult	S9485	HE	Q2		
Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) - Adult	S9485	HF	Q2		
Mobile Crisis Team (MCT)- C&A	S9485	HE	HA	Q2	
Mobile Crisis Team (MCT)- C&A	S9485	HF	HA	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting that is acceptable for CCBHCs for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic

environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Utilization will be monitored through retrospective reviews.

CCBHC Mobile Crisis Team Requirements:

While meeting Chapter 105 Mobile Crisis Team (MCT) requirements is the expectation (e.g., a two-person mobile crisis team response), ADMH will allow CCBHCs to be certified as a CCBHC and begin service provision as long as they can meet the basic CCBHC expectations for mobile crisis services. These include:

- Providing 24/7/365 mobile crisis services across their catchment area in home and community-based locations, which can be accomplished via an on-call staffing model or other interim plan to respond when in-person engagement is needed during the first year of CCBHC operations.
- Meeting the expectations related to mobile crisis timeframes, including arriving in-person within one hour in urban settings/two hours in rural settings from the time that they are dispatched, with a response time not to exceed 3 hours.
- Telehealth/telemedicine and telephonic support may be used to connect individuals in crisis to qualified crisis stabilization providers during the interim travel time

At the time of CCBHC certification, the CCBHC must have written MCT policies, procedures, and/or workflows that illustrate how they will provide MCT services across their catchment area to individuals of all ages who are experiencing both mental health and substance use crises. Within one year of CCBHC go-live, CCBHCs are expected to work with ADMH Office of CCBHC and Office of Crisis Services to develop and certify their MCT in alignment with Chapter 105 MCT program expectations. This includes (in addition to the Day 1 MCT requirements listed above):

- Response from MCTs should be in teams of two; however, this may differ if the team is dispatched from a staffed facility or if, as in rural communities, telemedicine services are utilized.
- The two-person MCT team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week and can travel throughout the state to respond on location.
- The team must include, at a minimum, at least one individual who may conduct an assessment within their authorized scope of practice under state law and other professionals or paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health care.

Services to be provided by the MCT may include:

- Intake Evaluation
- Crisis Intervention
- Behavioral Health Placement Assessment
- Psychoeducational Services
- Individual Counseling
- Family Counseling
- Care Coordination
- Adult or Youth Peer Support Services

Billing for CCBHC Mobile Crisis Services:

CCBHCs are instructed to fully carve in the costs of meeting the above requirements for 24/7 mobile crisis team services (within their catchment areas) into their CCBHC Cost Reports. For providers who, prior to CCBHC Certification, received alternative funding for mobile crisis team services within their CCBHC catchment area (e.g., rural, child and adolescent), these funds will be re-purposed to support the state match.

CCBHCs have access to the Mobile Crisis Unit as one option for providing crisis assistance to individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis. In addition to Mobile Crisis services, CCBHCs may also utilize other available crisis assistance and intervention options that do not require the involvement of a Mobile Crisis Unit.

CCBHCs bill S9485 when their staff are responding to an individual in crisis in a community-based setting (i.e., when the mobile crisis staff are dispatched to provide mobile crisis stabilization services in the community).

Primary Care Screening and Monitoring of Key Indicators and Health Risks – 96156

Definition:

Screening and monitoring services that measure specific health indicators and need for a physical exam or further evaluation by appropriate health care professionals.

For children and adolescents, outpatient clinic primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risk services must include (but not be limited to) the following, at a frequency/timeline that aligns with the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations A&B:

- Assessment of whether the individual is connected to a primary care provider
- Assessment of physical activity and diet
- If six years of age or older, Body Mass Index (BMI) measurement
- As indicated, preventive interventions, such as weight assessment and counseling for nutrition and physical activity.

For adults, these services must include (but not be limited to) the following, at a frequency/timeline that aligns with the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Recommendations A&B:

- Assessment of whether the individual is connected to a primary care provider
- Body Mass Index (BMI) measurement
- Blood pressure measurement
- Diabetes risk assessment, with connection to further testing/labs as indicated
- Cholesterol risk assessment, with connection to further testing/labs as indicated
- HIV and Hepatitis B/C risk assessment, with connection to testing as indicated

- Blood pressure
- Preventive interventions, such as those associated with healthy lifestyles and smoking cessation.

In addition to the above screenings, CCBHCs should consider integrating screenings related to Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), such as those recommended at <https://www.alabamatbi.org/mental-health.html>, as well as other screenings related to community health conditions among individuals living with mental health and/or substance use needs, as directed by the CCBHC's Medical Director.

The provision of primary care services, outside of primary care screening and monitoring as defined in Section 4.g of the SAMHSA CCBHC Criteria³ is not within the scope of the nine required CCBHC services. **While CCBHC may provide primary care services outside the nine required services, these primary care services cannot be reimbursed through the Section 223 CCBHC demonstration PPS.** In other words, CCBHCs may not submit claims for primary care services under the Section 223 CCBHC Demonstration PPS beyond those defined within the Section 4.g of the SAMHSA CCBHC Criteria.

CCBHCs should coordinate with primary care providers to support integrated provision of primary and behavioral health care.

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)

Physician

Physician Assistant

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)

Registered Nurse (RN)

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Certified Nursing Assistant

A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT)

QSAP II and III

Qualified Paraprofessionals (QPP)

Qualified Mental Health Provider – Bachelor's

Qualified Mental Health Provider– Non-Degreed

A Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist (Adult, Youth, Family)

Certified Recovery Support Specialist

Maximum Unit(s):

365 per year

³ <https://www.samhsa.gov/communities/certified-community-behavioral-health-clinics/ccbhc-certification-criteria>

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risks.	96156	HE	Q2		
Primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risks.	96156	HF	Q2		
Primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risks.	96156	HE	GT	Q2	
Primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risks.	96156	HF	GT	Q2	
Primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risks.	96156	HE	FQ	Q2	
Primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risks.	96156	HF	FQ	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting that is acceptable for CCBHC services for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Per CMS requirements,⁴ a clinic that both participates in the Medicaid program as a FQHC and is also a CCBHC demonstration provider should receive a separate Medicaid FQHC services payment for an encounter during which CCBHC services were provided only if it also furnished at least one distinct non-CCBHC FQHC service during that encounter.

When all of the services provided to a clinic patient during the same encounter/visit are both CCBHC demonstration services and state plan Medicaid FQHC services, the payment rate for these services under the demonstration should be the higher of the payment that would otherwise have been paid under the state plan for Medicaid FQHC services (either the FQHC PPS rate or the rate under an alternative payment methodology) or the CCBHC PPS rate.

Initial Referral – T1023

Screening to Determine the Appropriateness of Consideration of an Individual for Participation in a Specified Program, Project, or Treatment Protocol

⁴ <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems>

Definition:

Assessing the need for and appropriateness of behavioral and health related services to ensure the needs of the individual receiving services are met. These functions are essential for determining the appropriate level of care and ensuring that the individual receives the services they need. The screening process should involve evaluating the individual receiving services' psychological, social, and physiological signs and symptoms as well as identifying any coexisting conditions that may require additional professional assessment and services. *For CCBHCs, this code can be used to support the initial triage process to determine whether a client has routine, urgent, or crisis-level needs.*

Eligible Practitioners:

Rehabilitative Services Professional (All Types)
 Qualified Mental Health Provider – Bachelor's
 QSAP II & III
 Qualified Mental Health Provider– Non-Degreed
 Qualified Paraprofessional (QPP)
 Registered Nurse (RN) licensed under Alabama law.
 Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) licensed under Alabama law.
 Certified Nursing Assistant
 A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT)
 Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist (Youth, Adult, and Parent)
 Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS)

Maximum Billable Unit(s):

16 per year

Billing Restrictions

May not be billed in combination with Intake Evaluation (90791)

Procedure Codes and Modifiers

Initial referral, screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter.	T1023	HE	Q2		
Initial referral, screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter.	T1023	HF	Q2		
Initial referral, screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter.	T1023	HE	GT	Q2	
Initial referral, screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter.	T1023	HF	GT	Q2	

Initial referral, screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter.	T1023	HE	FQ	Q2	
Initial referral, screening to determine the appropriateness of consideration of an individual for participation in a specified program, project, or treatment protocol, per encounter.	T1023	HF	FQ	Q2	

Service Location:

Services can be delivered in any allowable setting that is acceptable for CCBHCs for both the individual receiving services and staff member, that affords an adequate therapeutic environment, and that protects the individual's rights to privacy and confidentiality.

Additional Information:

Utilization of this billing code will be monitored through retrospective reviews.

Carried Costs/Carved In Non-Triggering Services and Activities

In addition to the above Triggering Event services, CCBHCs are responsible for engaging in activities that support individuals served, but that will not trigger a PPS payment. The cost of delivering these activities is carved into the CCBHC's Cost Report, meaning it will be incorporated as part of the CCBHC's bundled rate. CCBHCs are expected to submit a claim using the appropriate code listed in Chapter 105 or 106 and to follow all rules related to Chapter 105/106.

Delivery of the below activities without another triggering event service provided on the same day will not result in a PPS payment to the CCBHC. Accordingly, these services will not impact the visit day count of the CCBHC's Cost Report. Days when only these carved in services are provided to a Medicaid enrollee without another triggering event service will not be included in the CCBHC's visit day count for its Cost Report.

Additionally, because costs associated with these activities are included in the CCBHC's Cost Report, CCBHCs should not bill for the same service/activity via another reimbursement mechanism (e.g., billing TCM for Target Groups 1, 3, and 9 through fee for service Targeted Case Management/Chapter 106). CCBHCs should submit these service codes as part of their claiming processes to ADMH described above.

The list of activities that are carved in as 'carried costs' to the Alabama CCBHC model (those that do not trigger a PPS payment) can be found on the CCBHC [webpage](#). The list of activities can be found in the Provider Resource Center with the document titled "Triggering Events List".

Carved Out Services Not Included in Alabama's CCBHC

There are also services that AMA and ADMH have determined to be 'carved out' of the CCBHC. The cost of these services should not be included in the CCBHC's Cost Report, and CCBHCs will continue to bill for these services via traditional billing mechanisms (e.g., TCM for Target Group 10 through fee for service Targeted Case Management and Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) through the Rehabilitation Option).

The list of services that are carved out of the Alabama CCBHC model can be found [here](#) (at the end of the file labeled "CCBHC Triggering Events List"):

Service Code Process

In addition to billing the PPS rate code and modifier to AMA, ADMH requires CCBHCs to submit claims for the individual triggering and non-triggering events that were provided during a CCBHC visit.⁵ These detailed claims or encounter data are needed to track important performance measures. *Only triggering events should be submitted to Medicaid for payment. All information, including triggering and non-triggering service codes, is sent to ADMH for state reporting only.*

Detailed claims or encounter data are critical to successful PPS rate setting and rebasing. *CCBHCs that under report these service codes will risk substantive reductions in future PPS rates that may be tested and justified against these claims.*

CCBHCs are required to include all codes associated with services provided on the submitted claim. While it should be rare, if a provider identifies that there was a service that was missed, any corrections should be submitted using an electronic process. Within the electronic process an adjustment is called a replacement claim (replacing an original paid claim), and a recoupment is called a void.

The PPS rate code and modifier should be bundled with the corresponding triggering and non-triggering events provided to the attributed member for that month, including all relevant billing codes. Please note, providers must update the date span to include dates of all services.

Other Billing Considerations of Note

Eligibility and Enrollment

CCBHCs are responsible for verifying the eligibility of the individual receiving services before billing.

⁵ [Alabama Department of Mental Health](#)

CCBHCs are also expected to facilitate the health insurance application and enrollment process for eligible uninsured individual receiving services.

Billing Format and Claim Forms

Alabama recognizes two standard claim forms (UB-04 and CMS-1500). This also includes HIPAA transactions, 837 Professional and 837 Institutional. Providers should list the appropriate procedure code(s), modifiers when applicable, place of service code, and units of service. Procedure codes for all PPS-covered services delivered to the individual receiving services on that date of service must be included. Claims must include an ICD-10 diagnosis code.

CCBHC providers can electronically submit claims using the Provider Electronic Solutions (PES) software or by using software vendor, Gainwell⁶.

Timely Filing

AMA requires all claims to be filed within 365 days of the date of service.

Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA)

The ASC X12N 835 Electronic Remittance Advice (ERA) is the standard electronic transaction Alabama Medicaid uses to communicate how submitted claims were adjudicated and to support reconciliation of payments, denials, and adjustments.

For Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs), the 835 provides claim- and, when applicable, service-line information showing the amount billed, allowed amount, Medicaid payment, patient responsibility, and any reductions or other adjustments applied during claims processing. The ERA may be received through the clinic's clearinghouse, billing vendor, practice-management system, or other approved electronic data interchange arrangement and should be posted to the appropriate patient and payer accounts.

Claim Adjustment Reason Codes (CARCs) identify the general reason an amount was not paid as billed. CARCs communicate financial adjustments such as reductions based on the applicable fee schedule or payment methodology, noncovered services, duplicate claims, coordination-of-benefits requirements, missing authorization, or other adjudication outcomes. Each CARC is paired with a claim adjustment group code that indicates the category of financial responsibility, such as contractual obligation, payer-initiated reduction, or patient responsibility. CCBHCs should not transfer an adjustment to the patient solely because it appears on the ERA; patient liability must be supported by the benefit, coverage, and billing requirements applicable to the

⁶ Gainwell Technologies is a company that provides technology solutions and services for various state Medicaid programs, including Alabama Medicaid. Their role typically involves managing and processing claims, providing data analytics, and improving the overall efficiency and effectiveness of Medicaid services. Gainwell may also support the implementation of Medicaid policies, enhance the provider and member experience, and help with compliance and reporting requirements. Their technology solutions aim to streamline operations and ensure that beneficiaries receive the services they need.

service.

Remittance Advice Remark Codes (RARCs) provide additional detail about the adjudication result and are commonly used with a CARC to explain the specific issue or action needed. A RARC may indicate, for example, that required information was missing or invalid, documentation is needed, a billing or provider identifier requires correction, or another payer's information must be reported. Alabama Medicaid may also display state-specific Explanation of Benefit (EOB) or remittance codes. Staff should interpret the CARC, RARC, group code, and any Alabama-specific code together rather than relying on a single code in isolation. CCBHC billing and revenue cycle staff should reconcile each 835 to the corresponding electronic funds transfer or check, post payments and adjustments accurately, and route denials or underpayments for timely follow-up. Follow-up may include correcting and resubmitting a claim, submitting requested information, reviewing eligibility or authorization records, coordinating benefits, or pursuing reconsideration or appeal when permitted.

The 835 should also be used to monitor denial trends, identify recurring documentation or billing issues, and support corrective education for clinical, coding, and billing staff. Clinics should retain the ERA in accordance with applicable record-retention requirements and periodically validate that their billing system, clearinghouse, or vendor accurately imports all claim-level and service-line data. Alabama Medicaid's current Provider Remittance Advice Codes listing should be consulted when researching EOB, CARC, and RARC combinations appearing on paid, denied, or adjusted claims.

Using Grant Funds to Supplement Not Supplant CCBHC Services

Grant funds – including but not limited to SAMHSA CCBHC Planning, Development and Implementation (PDI) and Improvement and Advancement (IA) Grants - may be used to supplement existing activities that cannot be charged to the individual's insurance. Grant funds may not be used to supplant current funding of existing activities. "Supplant" is defined as replacing funding of an organization's existing program with funds from a federal grant (2 CFR Part 200, Appendix XI).

Line items that are contained within an agency's grant budget may not be included in the CCBHC's Cost Report, unless the agency makes a modification to the grant budget such that the line item becomes an "Actual Cost" (or Anticipated Cost in the case of a CCBHC completing its first Cost Report) to the CCBHC program operations. Line items should not be duplicated within a grant budget and the CCBHC Cost Report.

Agencies who have questions specific to other grant funding and CCBHC operations should reach out to the Office of CCBHC at ccbhc.dmh@mh.alabama.gov.

Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)

A CCBHC may demonstrate it meets the following requirements through the provision of training and/or credentialing/certification of staff members. Where an EBP requires credentialing/certification to be delivered, staff members who deliver treatment must be credentialed/certified or seeking credentialing/certification as demonstrated by enrollment in such a process. Any EBPs with a certification verification process should be verified to ensure the practitioner is qualified to provide the treatment modality. It is the responsibility of the CCBHC to review the requirements for each EBP implemented.

Enrollment and Credentialing of Staff

To ensure the safety and quality of services delivered in the CCBHC, all CCBHCs are required to follow AMA and ADMH credentialing guidelines to ensure services are delivered by staff with the appropriate training, licensure, and certification.

Items Needed for Credentialing

- Collect and verify detailed information about the provider's qualifications:
 - Official government-issued identification (Driver's License, Non-Driver's ID, and passport are the only acceptable forms of identification).
 - Personal details like contact information
 - Educational background
 - Work history
 - Professional licenses and certifications related to the job
 - Malpractice history and disciplinary actions ⁷(e.g., ethical violations)
 - Malpractice insurance coverage (maybe required if not provided by CCBHC)
- All staff's credentials and backgrounds must be reviewed post-offer and before interaction with individuals receiving services at the CCBHC to ensure:
 - They are not excluded from providing services or through the Alabama Medicaid program⁸
 - They are not conflicted from providing services through Medicare, Medicaid, or other federal funding ⁹
- All staff must undergo a criminal background check and child maltreatment screenings post-offer and pass before interaction with individuals receiving CCBHC services.
 - Obtain and verify references of all program staff (including program director, department chair)

⁷ To find out if a practitioner has a malpractice history, you can check their license status with your state's licensing board, which will usually include any disciplinary actions taken against them, including malpractice claims; you can also access the [National Practitioner Data Bank \(NPDB\)](#) which contains information about malpractice payments made by healthcare practitioners across the United States

⁸ [Alabama Medicaid](#)

⁹ [Search the Exclusions Database | Office of Inspector General](#)

Primary Source Verification (PSV)

All credentials must be verified through PSV. Secondary sources of information (e.g., a resume, application, verbal verification) might be inaccurate, unreliable, or biased to verify up-to-date licensure and malpractice history.

The following information must be verified only through PSV:

- Criminal background status and child abuse clearance
- Highest level of education reported (verification through school's Registrar (database, sealed letter from school's registrar's office))
- Where applicable, the practitioner's board certification status, licenses, certifications, DEA registration status, and malpractice history (see Appendix A for a list of Alabama licensing, malpractice history, databases by profession)
- Practitioner's work history
- Professional liability coverage

All PSV review records must be stored in a password-protected file or secure location for potential certifier/auditor review.

Assessment and Identification of Gaps or Discrepancies

After the verification process, the gathered data is thoroughly assessed for inconsistencies or gaps in the practitioner's history. Check for missing employment periods, unreported malpractice claims, or disciplinary actions not initially disclosed.

Any discrepancies or red flags must be investigated and resolved before proceeding. Credentialing staff rarely make decisions about credentialing. Rather, they provide the data and key insight for leaders in administrative roles or on committees to move the provider forward in the process.

Recredentialing

All CCBHC practitioners who furnish services directly, and any Designated Collaborating Organization (DCO) practitioners that furnish services under arrangement with the CCBHC, are legally authorized in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, and act only within the scope of their respective state licenses, certifications, or registrations and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. This includes any applicable state Medicaid billing regulations or policies. Pursuant to the requirements of the statute (PAMA § 223 (a)(2)(A)), CCBHC providers must assure their staff and contractors have and maintain all necessary state-required licenses, certifications, or other credentialing.

Minimum Qualifications for Staff Providing CCBHC Services

A Rehabilitative Services Professional is defined as the following:

- A psychologist licensed under Alabama law
- A professional counselor licensed under Alabama law

- An associate licensed counselor under Alabama law
- An independent Clinical social worker licensed under Alabama law.
- A licensed master social worker licensed under Alabama law.
- A marriage and family therapist licensed under Alabama law.
- A marriage and family therapist associate licensed under Alabama law.
- A registered nurse licensed under Alabama law who has completed a master's degree in psychiatric nursing.
- A Master's Level Clinician is an individual possessing a master's degree or above from a university or college with an accredited program for the respective degree in psychology, social work, counseling or other human service field areas and is under the supervision of a master's level or above clinician with two years of postgraduate clinical experience.
- QSAP I (Substance Abuse):
 - A Qualified Substance Abuse Professional I shall consist of: (i) An individual licensed in the State of Alabama as a:
 - (I) Professional Counselor, Graduate Level Social Worker, Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner, Marriage and Family Therapist, Clinical Psychologist, Physician's Assistant, Physician; or
 - (ii) An individual who: (I) Has a master's Degree or above from a nationally or regionally accredited university or college in psychology, social work, counseling, psychiatric nursing,
 - (II) *Has successfully completed a clinical practicum or has six month's post master's clinical experience,
 - (III) *Holds a substance abuse counselor certification credential from the Alabama Association of Addiction Counselors, National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, Alabama Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, or International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc. which shall be obtained within thirty (30) months of date of hire

Other staff members who are qualified to provide CCBHC services (within their scope of practice and in alignment with the "Eligible Practitioners" guidance above) include:

- A physician licensed under Alabama law
- A physician assistant licensed under Alabama law and practicing within the guidelines as outlined by the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
- A Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) licensed under Alabama law practicing within the scope as defined by the Joint Committee of the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners for Advanced Practice Nurses or multistate licensure privilege
- A pharmacist licensed under Alabama state law may provide medication monitoring.
- A Registered Nurse licensed under Alabama state law.
- A Practical Nurse licensed under Alabama state law.
- Qualified Mental Health Provider – Bachelor's – A person with a Bachelor's Degree in a human services field
- Qualified Mental Health Provider– Non-Degreed – A person with a high school diploma

- or GED supervised by a Rehabilitative Services Professional
- A Nursing Assistant certified pursuant to Alabama State Law.
- A Certified Medical Assistant certified through the American Association of Medical Assistants (AAMA) or the American Medical Technologists (AMT).
- Medication Assistant Certified (MAC) Worker – A person working under a Medication Assistance Supervising (MAS) nurse that meets the Alabama Board of Nursing requirements.
- A Certified Mental Health Youth Peer Specialist - Youth who has personal verified lived experience with children and adolescent's mental health, who is willing to share his/her personal experiences, who has at least a high school diploma or GED, and who has satisfactorily completed a Mental Health Youth Peer Specialist training program approved by the state within six (6) months of date of hire. Certified Mental Health Peer Specialist must be supervised by a Rehabilitative Services Professional.
- A Certified Mental Health Adult Peer Specialist who has personal verified lived experience with recovery from mental illness, who is willing to share his/her personal experiences, who has at least a high school diploma or GED, and who has satisfactorily completed a Mental Health Peer Specialist training program approved by the state within six (6) months of date of hire. A Mental Health Certified Adult Peer Specialist must be supervised by a Rehabilitative Services Professional.
- A Mental Health Youth Parent Peer Support Specialist provider who is parenting or has parented a child experiencing mental, emotional or behavioral health disorders and can articulate the understanding of their lived experience with another parent or family member. This individual may be a birth parent, adoptive parent, family member standing in for an absent parent, or other person chosen by the family or youth to have the role of parent. This individual has at least a high school diploma or GED and has satisfactorily completed a Mental Health Youth Parent Peer Support Provider training program approved by state within six (6) months of date of hire. A Mental Health Youth Parent Peer Support Specialist must be supervised by a Rehabilitative Services Professional
- QSAP II shall consist of:
 - An individual who:
 - (I) Has a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally or regionally accredited university or college in psychology, social work, community-rehabilitation, pastoral counseling, family therapy, or other behavioral health area that requires equivalent clinical course work, and
 - (II) Is licensed in the State of Alabama as a Bachelor Level Social Worker; or
 - (III) Has a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university in psychology, social work, community-rehabilitation, pastoral counseling, family therapy, or other behavioral health area that requires equivalent clinical course work, and
 - (IV) Holds a substance abuse counselor certification credential from the Alabama Association of Addiction Counselors, National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, Alabama Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, or International Certification and Reciprocity

Consortium.

- QSAP III shall consist of:
 - An individual who:
 - (I) Has a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally or regionally accredited university or college in psychology, social work, community-rehabilitation, pastoral counseling, family therapy, or other behavioral health area that requires equivalent clinical course work, and
 - (II) Participates in ongoing supervision by a certified or licensed QSAP I for a minimum of one (1) hour individual per week until attainment of a substance abuse counselor certification credential from the Alabama Association of Addiction Counselors, National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, or Alabama Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, or International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc. which shall be obtained within thirty (30) months of hire.
- Qualified Paraprofessionals (QPP) shall have the following minimum qualifications: (i) A high school diploma or equivalent, and (ii) One (1) year of work experience directly related to job responsibilities and (iii) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified QSAP I.
- Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) must meet the following minimum qualifications: (i) Certified by ADMH as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) within six (6) months of date of hire, (ii) and has 2 years verified lived experience and (iii) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified QSAP I.
- A Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) licensed under Alabama law practicing within the scope as defined by the Joint Committee of the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners for Advanced Practice Nurses
- A Pharmacist licensed under Alabama state law.
- A Registered Nurse licensed under Alabama state law or multistate licensure privilege.
- A Practical Nurse licensed under Alabama state law or multistate licensure privilege.
- Medication Assistant Certified (MAC) Worker – A person working under a Medication Assistance Supervising (MAS) nurse that meets the Alabama Board of Nursing requirements

Billing for Family Engagement

While it is recognized that involvement of family members may be necessary and appropriate to support the individual being served by a CCBHC, provision of services where the family is involved must be clearly directed towards meeting the identified individual's needs. Services provided to non-Medicaid eligible family members independent of meeting the identified individual's needs are not covered by Medicaid.

Place of Service¹⁰

A primary tenet of the CCBHC model is service delivery outside of the four walls and in community settings that meet the individuals served in the settings most conducive to their needs. ADMH expects CCBHC providers to use the most appropriate POS code based on the actual location where the service was provided. Providers should first determine whether a specific POS code listed in the CCBHC Demonstration Billing Manual or recognized under national billing standards accurately describes the service setting. Examples may include, but are not limited to, office, school, home, telehealth, mobile unit, homeless shelter, community mental health center, outpatient hospital, or other defined settings, when applicable. If a more specific POS code accurately describes the setting, that code must be reported.

Place of Service Code 99

CCBHCs should select the POS code that most accurately describes the actual setting where the service was rendered. When no other POS code appropriately describes the setting, POS 99, "Other Place of Service," may be used with sufficient documentation supporting why a more specific POS code was not available or applicable.

POS 99 may be appropriate for an allowable, non-duplicative CCBHC service delivered in a setting that is not otherwise captured by a specific POS code. POS 99 may not be used for a setting where CCBHC services cannot be provided, for a service that is duplicative of another Medicaid-covered service or waiver service, or as a default billing value when the provider has not determined the actual place of service. *When POS 99 is reported, the record must include documentation describing the actual service setting and explaining why another POS code was not appropriate.*

Expectation for Documentation in the Record of the Individual Served

When POS 99 is used, the record of the individual served must also explain why another POS code was not applicable. The record must support that the service was allowable under the CCBHC Demonstration Billing Manual, medically necessary, non-duplicative, and billed using the correct code set and claims submission requirements. At a minimum, ADMH expects the following documentation to be available for claims when POS 99 is used:

- Identification of the actual service setting and a brief description of why the setting does not correspond to a more specific POS code.
- Confirmation that the setting is allowable under the CCBHC Demonstration Billing Manual and is not a setting where CCBHC services are prohibited.

¹⁰ To allow AL CCBHC providers sufficient time to update internal billing workflows, train staff, configure claims systems, and align documentation practices with the clarified POS code requirements, ADMH will implement a grace period before enforcing claims submission requirements related to POS code selection. ADMH will not enforce claims submission requirements related to the clarified POS code expectations until January 1, 2027.

- Documentation supporting the CPT or HCPCS code, modifier, duration, units, practitioner type, and service date reported on the claim.
- Clinical documentation supporting medical necessity, the service provided, and how the encounter relates to the individual's treatment plan or identified need.
- Evidence that the service is not duplicative of another Medicaid-covered service, waiver service, or separately reimbursed service.

The Office of CCBHC will conduct audit and monitoring activities to validate that POS codes are selected in accordance with the CCBHC Demonstration Billing Manual and applicable Medicaid billing requirements. Monitoring will focus on whether the claim accurately reflects an allowable service, allowable setting, appropriate POS code selection, required documentation, and non-duplication of services.

CCBHC Service Monitoring and Reporting

To ensure that CCBHCs provide effective, efficient, and coordinated care to individuals, this section outlines the requirements for monitoring and reporting services to payers, which have been determined to be paid in error. This process applies to all staff members, including clinical, administrative, and support staff within the CCBHC, as well as external partners and service providers involved in the delivery of behavioral health services.

Services paid in error including the following:

Action	Description
Duplication of Services	The provision of the same or similar behavioral health services to an individual by multiple provider agencies within an episode of care, leading to unnecessary costs and potential confusion in care delivery.
Upcoding	Upcoding refers to the practice of billing for a service at a higher complexity level than what was provided, often leading to increased reimbursement. Note: This includes billing for time-based procedure codes where the "8-minute rule" applies. The "8-minute rule" states, for any single timed CPT code on the same day, measured in 15-minute units, practitioners must bill a single 15-minute unit for treatment greater than or equal to 8 minutes through (and including) 22 minutes.
Unbundling	Unbundling involves separating related services into individual billable components instead of using a bundled code, which can also inflate costs. CCBHCs must use the PPS rate for individuals served, unless the service provided is carved out of the PPS rate. While each CCBHC is expected to provide information about all services provided during the visit day, only one claim per Medicaid enrollee per visit day is to be submitted for reimbursement under the PPS rate.

Implementation of Auditing and Monitoring

The CCBHC will implement a system to monitor services provided to each individual being

served, including:

- Regular audits of the individual being served records to identify any overlapping CCBHC services across multiple providers.
- Utilization reviews to assess the appropriateness and necessity of services being delivered.
- Staff will be trained to recognize and report any instances of duplicate services.

The CCBHC will also maintain a reporting protocol to notify payers of any services paid in error. This may consist of:

- **Internal Audits.** Comprehensive reviews of clinical and administrative processes, focusing on billing practices, service delivery, and adherence to regulations.
- **Performance Audits.** Evaluating the effectiveness of programs and services offered by the CCBHC, including patient outcomes and satisfaction.
- **Compliance Audits.** Assessing adherence to federal and state regulations, including those set forth by AMA and other relevant bodies.

As a payment condition, Medicare and Medicaid require that items and services be medically reasonable and necessary. Therefore, CCBHCs should ensure that any claims reviews and audits include a review of the medical necessity of the item or service by appropriately credentialed personnel. CCBHCs that do not include clinical review of medical necessity in their claim audits may fail to identify important compliance concerns relating to medical necessity.

Compliance and Program Integrity

The CCBHC will provide timely reporting summarizing any claims where services were paid in error and did not result in a Medicaid denial or adjustment. Detailed documentation of the nature of the services, the practitioners involved, and the actions taken to resolve any errors and duplications should be retained. The CCBHC will engage in ongoing communication with ADMH and AMA to ensure transparency and compliance with reimbursement policies.

Overpayments

Overpayments occur when a CCBHC receives funds from AMA that exceed the amount owed for services rendered. Common causes of overpayments in a CCBHC setting may include:

- Billing for services not provided or not medically necessary.
- Errors in coding or billing practices.
- Duplicate claims submissions for the same service.
- Misinterpretation of service limits or eligibility criteria.

Upon identification of overpayment, CCBHCs must take immediate corrective action such as:

Item	Description
Reporting Overpayments	CCBHCs are required to report overpayments to Alabama Medicaid no later than 60 days after the overpayment is identified. This reporting is crucial for maintaining compliance and avoiding potential penalties.

Correcting Overpayment	Once an overpayment is reported, CCBHCs must initiate a withhold process, which involves withholding future payments to correct the overpayment to the CCBHC
Documentation	CCBHCs must maintain thorough documentation of all overpayment investigations, corrective actions taken, and communications with Alabama Medicaid regarding the resolution of the issue.

If a CCBHC identifies billing mistakes or other non-compliance with program rules leading to overpayment, the provider must repay the overpayments to Medicare and/or Medicaid to avoid False Claims Act liability.

Making Corrections to Submitted Claims - Adjustments

While it should be rare, if a CCBHC identifies that there was a mistake made in claiming, any corrections should be submitted using AMA's electronic process. Within the electronic process an adjustment is called a replacement claim (replacing an original paid claim) and a recoupment is called a void. Adjustments may be performed only on claims paid in error (for example, overpayments, underpayments, and payments for wrong procedure code, incorrect units, or other errors). The adjustment process allows the system to "take back" or cancel the incorrect payment and reprocess the claim as if it were a new claim. Providers must submit their adjustment requests electronically.

Preventing Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA)

CCBHCs must implement robust policies and practices to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse, which are defined as:

Item	Description
Fraud	An intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable Federal or State law.
Waste	As defined by CMS, "The overutilization of services or other practices that result in unnecessary costs. Generally, not considered caused by criminally negligent actions but rather misuse of resources".
Abuse	Provider practices that are inconsistent with sound fiscal, business, or medical practices, and result in an unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program, or in reimbursement for services that are not medically necessary or that fail to meet professionally recognized standards for health care. It also includes recipient practices that result in unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program.

It is the policy of the state of Alabama for providers to have an FWA compliance program which reflects the regulations, recommendations, standards, and guidance set forth by the following agencies towards the detection, deterrence, and prevention of FWA in Medicaid-funded behavioral health care:

- U.S. Justice Department (DOJ)
- Office of Inspector General (OIG)
- Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Section (MFCS)
- Medical Assistance/Medicaid program
- Bureau of Program Integrity (BPI)
- Office of Mental Health and Substance use Services (OMHSAS) of the Department of Human Services (DHS)
- Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

CCBHCs should leverage tools and references that include, but are not limited to the following:

- Medical Assistance Regulations and Bulletins
- Code of Federal Regulations
- Medical Assistance Regulations and Bulletins
- Alabama Annotated Code
- Licensing regulations
- Fee schedules
- Provider manuals
- Provider alerts

Failure to address issues related to fraud, waste, and abuse can lead to severe consequences, including:

- **Negative Financial Impact.** CCBHCs may incur fines and/or withholds for identified overpayments or fraudulent activities.
- **Loss of Medicaid Enrollment.** Serious violations can result in the termination of the clinic's participation in the Alabama Medicaid program, severely impacting service delivery.
- **Legal Action.** Engaging in fraudulent practices can expose CCBHCs and their staff to criminal prosecution and civil liability.

Considerations Related to Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

CCBHCs are cautioned that billing H0033 or H0034 under Alabama's CCBHC Demonstration may create significant fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) exposure if the service is not medically necessary, separately identifiable, properly documented, and non-duplicative of another funded service. ***These codes should not be used as a mechanism to trigger the daily Prospective Payment System (PPS) rate for routine medication pass, residential supervision, general observation, or administrative documentation.*** Claims that do not clearly support the specific service rendered may be subject to denial, recoupment, corrective action, or referral for program integrity review.

Common billing practices that may create heightened review risk are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1. H0033 and H0034 Billing Practices Requiring Provider Review

Billing Practice	Provider Warning
Billing H0033 or H0034 solely to trigger the PPS rate	Providers should not bill these codes when the underlying activity is minimal, routine, or not clinically distinct from other funded services.
Billing repeated daily services without individualized medical necessity	Daily or near-daily billing may be reviewed when records do not explain why the service was needed on each date of service.
Using copied, cloned, or generic documentation	Notes that repeat the same language across dates or individuals may not support that a medically necessary service occurred.
Failing to distinguish H0033 from H0034	The record must clearly show whether the service was oral medication administration or medication monitoring. Interchangeable or vague language may not support either code.

Medicaid Financial Auditing, Corrective Action, and Decertification Standards and Processes

CCBHCs must undergo regular financial audits to ensure compliance with Medicaid billing regulations. The auditing process will include:

- **Frequency of Audits.** CCBHCs will be audited at least annually, with additional audits conducted as needed based on previous audit results or reports of non-compliance.
- **Scope of Audits.** Audits will review billing practices, clinical documentation, service delivery, and financial records to ensure adherence to Medicaid guidelines.
- **Audit Findings.** All findings must be documented, and CCBHCs will receive a written report detailing the results. Findings will be categorized as minor, moderate, or major based on the severity of the non-compliance.

Disclaimer: *The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration Billing Manual serves as a guide to assist providers in accurate claims submissions and to outline the basis for reimbursement. The determination that a service, procedure, or item is covered is not a determination that a provider will be reimbursed. Services must also meet authorization and medical necessity guidelines appropriate to the procedure and diagnosis.*

Providers should utilize appropriate billing and submission guidelines, including industry standard, compliant codes on all claim submissions. Services should be billed with appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes. These codes denote the services and/or procedures performed and, when billed, must be fully supported in the patient's medical record.

The billing manual may be superseded by mandates in provider, state, federal, or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) contracts and/or requirements. We strive to minimize delays in revisions to the billing manual. If there is a delay, we reserve the right to recoup and/or recover claims of payment to the effective date, in accordance with the billing manual. In addition, we reserve the right to review and revise the billing manual when necessary. When there is an update, we will publish the most current billing manual to our website.

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Primary Source Verification by Profession

Role/Function	Potential Disciplines	Information Collected	Required Source
Licensed Behavioral Health Practitioner	- Psychologist (PSY) - Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) - Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW) - Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) - Substance Abuse Counselor (SADC) or Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) - Qualified Substance Abuse Professional (QSAP I)¹¹ - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	1. State License 2. Malpractice History	1. Primary Verification Sources (see Appendix B) 2. NPDB Query

¹¹ There are [3 ways to qualify](#): 1) Copy of license or evidence of license (LPC, LICSW, LMSW, Psychiatric CNS, Psychiatric CRNP, LMFT, Psychologist, PA, MD, DO) or a copy of Official Master's Level College Transcripts for Psychiatric Nurse applicants; 2) Copy of Official Master's Level College Transcripts from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university in psychology, social work, counseling, psychiatric nursing, or other behavioral health area with requisite course work equivalent to that of a degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or psychiatric nursing, and has successfully completed a clinical practicum (or six month's post master's clinical experience) and a Copy of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification, if active at time of application

Paraprofessionals	• Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) • Medical Assistant (MA) or Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) • Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) • Qualified Practitioner of Psychology (QPP)¹² • Certified Peer Specialists (CPS) or Peer Support Specialist (PSS)¹³ • Targeted Case Management (TCM)¹⁴	1.State Certification	1. Primary Verification Sources (see Appendix B)
Nursing	• Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) • Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) • Registered Nurse (RN) • Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (PCNS)	1. State License	1. Primary Verification Sources (see Appendix B)

¹² An individual who meets the following minimum qualifications: (a) A high school diploma or equivalent, and (b) One (1) year of work experience directly related to job responsibilities, and (c) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified [QSAP I](#).

¹³ An individual who meets the following minimum qualifications: (a) A high school diploma or equivalent, and (b) At least two (2) years of continuous sobriety, and (c) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified [QSAP I](#) – OR- An individual who meets the following minimum qualifications: (a) Certified by ADMH as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS), and (b) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified [QSAP I](#).

¹⁴ An individual who meets the following minimum qualifications: (a) A Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree, preferably in a human service-related field, and (b) Training in a case management curriculum approved by ADMH, and (c) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified [QSAP I](#).

Advanced Practice Clinicians	- Physicians Assistants (PA) - Psychiatric Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (Psych CRNP)	- State License - Collaborative Agreement with Physician (CRNP only)¹⁵ - DEA Number¹⁶ - Malpractice History	- Primary Verification Sources (see Appendix B) Alabama Board of Nursing DEA NPDB Query
Pharmacist	Registered Pharmacist (RPH)	- State License - DEA Number¹⁶ - Malpractice History	- Primary Verification Sources (see Appendix B) DEA NPDB Query
Physicians	- Medical Doctors (MD) - Psychiatrist (MD) - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	- State License & Board Certifications - DEA Number¹⁶ - Malpractice History	- Primary Verification Sources (see Appendix B) DEA NPDB Query

¹⁵ Verify that the physician named in the agreement is licensed to practice in Alabama; Verify the services the APRN is authorized to perform under the collaborative agreement, such as prescribing medications; Ensure the agreement is current and that it has not expired or been terminated.

¹⁶ DEA Numbers must be renewed every three years. If you find that a practitioner's DEA number is not valid, it could be that their DEA number has expired.

Appendix B – Primary License and Certification Verification Sources

Licensed Behavioral Health Professionals

Provider Profession	Verification Source
Psychologist (PSY)	<u>Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology</u>
- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) - Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) - Licensed Baccalaureate Social Worker (LBSW)	<u>Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners</u>
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) - Alcohol and Drug Counselor (ADC) - Substance Abuse Counselor (SADC) OR Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC) - Qualified Substance Abuse Professional (QSAP I¹⁷ II¹⁸ and III¹⁹)	<u>Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling</u>

¹⁷ There are [3 ways to qualify](#): 1) Copy of license or evidence of license (LPC, LICSW, LMSW, Psychiatric CNS, Psychiatric CRNP, LMFT, Psychologist, PA, MD, DO) or a copy of Official Master's Level College Transcripts for Psychiatric Nurse applicants; 2) Copy of Official Master's Level College Transcripts from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university in psychology, social work, counseling, psychiatric nursing, or other behavioral health area with requisite course work equivalent to that of a degree in counseling, psychology, social work, or psychiatric nursing, and 3) has successfully completed a clinical practicum (or six month's post master's clinical experience) and a Copy of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification, if active at time of application

¹⁸ An individual who: 1) Has a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university in psychology, social work, community, rehabilitation, or pastoral counseling, family therapy, or other behavioral health area that requires equivalent clinical course work, and 2) Is licensed in the State of Alabama as a Bachelor Level Social Worker – OR- An individual who: 1) Has a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university in psychology, social work, community, rehabilitation, or pastoral counseling, family therapy, or other behavioral health area that requires equivalent clinical course work, and 2) Holds a substance abuse counselor certification credential from the Alabama Association of Addiction Counselors, National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, Alabama Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, or International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium.

¹⁹ An individual who: 1) Has a Bachelor's Degree from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university in psychology, social work, community, rehabilitation, or pastoral counseling, family therapy, or other behavioral health area that requires equivalent clinical course work, and 3) Participates in ongoing supervision by a certified or licensed QSAP I for a minimum of one (1) hour individual per week until attainment of a substance abuse counselor certification credential from the Alabama Association of Addiction Counselors, National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors, or Alabama

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist	<u>Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy</u>
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Paraprofessionals

Provider Profession	Verification Source
- Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS) - Medical Assistant (MA) or Certified Medical Assistant (CMA) - Certified Peer Specialists (CPS) OR Peer Support Specialist (PSS)²⁰ or Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS) - Targeted Case Management (TCM)²¹	Website: <u>Alabama Department of Mental Health (ADMH)</u> Phone: (334) 242-3454 Email: You can contact ADMH via the "Contact Us" page on their website for more specific inquiries.
Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)	<u>Licensee Search – Alabama Board of Examiners in Counseling</u>
Qualified Practitioner of Psychology (QPP)²²	<u>Licensee Search – Alabama Board of Examiners in Psychology</u>

Nursing

Provider Profession	Verification Source
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CAN) - Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) - Registered Nurse (RN) - Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist (PCNS)	<u>Alabama Board of Nursing</u>

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Association, or International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium/Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc. which shall be obtained within thirty (30) months of hire.

²⁰ An individual who meets the following minimum qualifications: (a) A high school diploma or equivalent, and (b) At least two (2) years of continuous sobriety, and (c) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified [QSAP I](#) – OR- An individual who meets the following minimum qualifications: (a) Certified by ADMH as a Certified Recovery Support Specialist (CRSS), and (b) Concurrent participation in clinical supervision by a licensed or certified [QSAP I](#).

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Advanced Practice Clinicians

Provider Profession	Verification Source
Physicians Assistants (PA)	Licensee Search Alabama Board of Medical Examiners & Medical Licensure Commission
- Psychiatric Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (Psych CRNP)	Alabama Board of Nursing

Pharmacists

Provider Profession	Verification Source
Registered Pharmacist (RPH)	Alabama Board of Pharmacy

Physicians

Provider Profession	Verification Source
- Medical Doctors (MD) - Psychiatrist (MD) - Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	Alabama Board of Medical Examiners and Medical Licensure Commission