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Billing Travel Time

Travel time can be a confusing concept that is often documented incorrectly. One of the most important distinctions to be made is to define the difference between billable travel time and non-billable travel time.

Billable Travel Time

If the service that the clinician is providing is billable, then the travel time is also billable (unless the provider is travelling from one Medi-Cal certified site to another Medi-Cal certified site). **If the service code that the provider selected is non-billable, then the travel time is also non-billable and there is <u>no</u> need to select a non-billable travel time code.**

Travel time and Documentation time are included in the total time as it is linked to the billable or non-billable CPT code selected. Documentation time and travel time should be the actual time taken to document the service and travel to and from the service site, not an arbitrary set number of minutes.

| COUNTY OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, HEALTH CARE AGENCY See California W 81 Code (Section 5328) Fed. Regr. 42 CFR Part 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|---|------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
| CLINIC NAM | AE | Client Identification | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| List name List name time gets bundled under one CPT code (either a billable code or a non-billable | | | | | | | | | | |
| Encounter Ty (eith | er a billab | le code | e | red | OT Initials) | | | | | |
| Select One code | e) when set | | | ; | | | | | | |
| Trauma | | - | | | | ected | OT Initials) | | | |
| Select one Select | | ENCOUNTER LOCATION (If not clinic or PT's home) | | | | | | | | |
| Date of Service Service M | | PCR Doc Mins | Date | Non-bill Trav | Enter addre | 255 | | | | |
| | | | | Non-bill Irav | ENCOUNTER LOCATION (If not clinic or PT's home) | | | | | |
| 04/10/2013 52 | (S) | 5 | 32 | | | | | | | |
| AXIS I & II AXIS I & II (Treated today) (Other) | | GROUP TRE | | | | R I (Service Str | | | | |
| (Treated today) (ottel) | # of Clients # of T | herapists Co- | Therapist Nam | e | M61 Age-Sp | ecific Service S | trategy 💽 | | | |
| | | _ | | | None 🔽 | | | | | |
| • | BILLABLE CF | | | | | | | | | |
| • • | 90899-1(T1017) | | | | None | | • | | | |
| | NON-BILLABLE CPT | /NON-COMPL | ANICPI | | CPT MODIFIER II (Evidence Based Practices) | | | | | |
| | No Entry NON-BILLABLE TRA | VEL CPT | | • | None | | • | | | |
| AXIS III AXIS V/GAF | | WEE CF1 | | | CPT MODIFIER III -Add on codes | | | | | |
| Language used | No Entry OTHER CPT CODE | | | None | | | | | | |
| If other than English | 76 Repeat | Svc Same Prov. | 77 Repeat Svc Diff Prov. | | | | | | | |
| Interpreter Utilized ? | REPEAT SERVICES CORRECTIONS | | | | | | | | | |
| Interpreter Utilized ? Clinician Credit Reason #DateInit Credit reasons 1)MD sig (2) Clt. Sig (3) No MTP/CSP (4) Dup Svc (5) Other | | | | | | ed | OT Initials | | | |
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PROGRESS NOTE

When are non-billable travel CPT codes used (See example below for reference)?

> When travelling between two Medi-Cal certified sites:

In the example below 90899-1 Targeted Case Management is a billable service. The travel time is between two Medi-Cal certified clinics and therefore travel time is non-billable. A non-billable travel CPT code is selected in the same ED.

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|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------|------|--|----------------------------|--|
| CLINIC NAME CYS North Region 377 E. Chapman Ave.Ste. 110 Placentia 92870 | | | | Healthy Fam | | | e v Issessment Status applicable v | · | Client Identification |
| Encounter Type Home locations | | | is 👔 | Site Locations | | | Face to Face | | (Date ED entered OT Initials) |
| Select One Trauma | Substance | Select one Select one Select one Select one Select one Select of Status | | | | • | Select one | • | (Date ED CorrectedOT Initials) ENCOUNTER LOCATION (If not clinic or PT's home) |
| Select one Date of Service 04/10/2013 | Select Service Mi 52 | | N/A of Doc | PC Doc Min 5 | | Date | e: Non-bill Trav 32 | | Seneca Canyon Acres 233 S. Quintana Ave, Anaheim Hills, |
| AXIS I & II (Treated today) | AXIS I & II (Other) | | GROUP TREATMENT ts # of Therapists Co-Therapist Name | | | | | | CPT MODIFIER I (Service Strategies) |
| (number county) | | # of Clients | # of The | rapists C | o-Therapist I | Vam | e | - | M61 Age-Specific Service Strategy |
| | | BILLABLE CPT | | | | | | - | None |
| | • | 90899-1(T1017) Case Mgt Tar. | | | | | | ₽ | None |
| - | | No Entry | | | | | | ٦Ì | CPT MODIFIER II (Evidence Based Practices) |
| AXIS III | AXIS V/GAF | NON-BILLABLE TRAVEL CPT | | | | | | -" | None |
| | | 90899-112 Case Mgt-Non billable travel | | | | | • | - II (| CPT MODIFIER III -Add on codes |
| Language used OTHER CPT CODE | | | | | | | [1 | None | |
| If other than Eng | lish 🔹 | No Entry | | | | | | | 76 Repeat Svc Same Prov. 77 Repeat Svc Diff Prov. |
| Interpreter Utilized ? Clinician Credit Reas | | | | | | | | | REPEAT SERVICES CORRECTIONS |
| Credit reasons 1)MD sig (2) Clt. Sig (3) No | | | |) No MTP/CSP (| o MTP/CSP (4) Dup Svc (5) Other | | | Date Corrected OT Initials | |
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Note: The new ED-PN contains a script that will **not allow** the **billable** treatment codes to be selected simultaneously with the **non-billable** treatment codes.