

Attention: Crosswalk Developed for Alaska State Unique Codes

To meet standardized format deadlines in compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is ending all state unique/local codes. Therefore, the state unique/local codes have been crosswalked to new national replacement codes effective 12/31/03. **The state unique/local codes will be accepted for billing dates of service through December 31, 2003. The new national codes are required for billing dates of service on or after January 1, 2004.** The crosswalk is attached to this letter and it contains all of the information needed to complete your claim form. To assist with the transition from the old state unique procedure codes to the new national ones, a list of Questions and Answers has been developed which is also attached to this letter. We encourage the sharing of this information with clinicians and billing staff.

For your convenience, the enclosed cross walk also includes a service for which the national code and description has not changed (80100 – Drug, screen, multiple drug classes, each procedure). This crosswalk also replaces Table I-4. Procedure Codes: Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services which can be found in Section I of your Substance Abuse Rehabilitation provider billing manual.

To assist providers, First Health Services will crosswalk the old state unique/local codes to the new national codes for any 2004 PA requests that are received **by the end of the day on December 31, 2003**. The prior authorization form will be returned to the provider with the old state unique code crossed out and the new national code written in. It will also show the number of units authorized. **Any 2004 PA requests received by First Health Services on or after 1/1/04 should contain the new national procedure codes.** 2004 Prior authorization requests that are received **on or after 1/1/04** that contain the old state unique codes will be returned to the provider for resubmission with the new national codes.

If you have any questions, please contact the Enhanced Provider Services Coordinator for Mental Health at (907) 561-5650 or 1-800-770-5650 (toll-free in Alaska) and choose option #90.

Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services Crosswalk

(Replaces Table I-4. Procedure Codes: Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Services)

Current Code through 12/31/03 dates of service	Description	Max Allowable	Approved New Code for dates of service on or after 1/1/04	Description
1024F	Detoxification, Per Consecutive 24-hour Period	\$150.00/day	H0013	Alcohol and/or drug services; acute detoxification (residential addiction program outpatient)
1040F	Assessment/Diagnosis (Maximum of 2 per Consecutive 12-month Period)	\$50.00/session	H0001	Alcohol and/or drug assessment
1041F	Individual Counseling, 15-minute Service Unit (Combined Maximum of 40 Hours or 160 Units per Consecutive 12-Month Period for Individual, Group and Family Counseling) ¹	\$12.50/ 15 Minutes	CDADK	Substance abuse treatment, individual, Counseling, Mental health service, Practice specialties
1042F	Group Counseling, 15-minute Service Unit (Combined Maximum of 40 Hours or 160 Units per Consecutive 12-Month Period for Individual, Group and Family Counseling) ¹	\$5.00/ 15 Minutes	H0005	Alcohol and/or drug services; group counseling by a clinician
1043F	Family Counseling, 15-minute Service Unit (Combined Maximum of 40 Hours or 160 Units per Consecutive 12-Month Period for Individual, Group and Family Counseling) ¹	\$11.25/ 15 Minutes	T1006	Alcohol and/or substance abuse services, family/couple counseling
1044F	Intensive Outpatient Services, 15-minute Service Unit (Minimum 3 Days or Evenings/Week, 8 to 12 Hours or 32 to 48 Units a Week; Not to Exceed 8 Consecutive Weeks per Consecutive 12-month Period)	\$11.25/ 15 Minutes	H0015	Alcohol and/or drug services; intensive outpatient (treatment program that operates at least 3 hours/day and at least 3 days/week and is based on an individual treatment plan), including assessment, counseling; crisis intervention, and activity therapies or education
1046F	Intermediate Services, 15-minute Service Unit (Maximum of 20 Hours or 80 Units/Week or 640 Units/Consecutive 12-month Period) ¹	\$12.50/ 15 Minutes	H0022	Alcohol and/or drug intervention service (planned facilitation)

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7010F	Care Coordination, 15-minute Service Unit (Maximum of 32 Service Units per 6-month Period or 64 Service Units per Consecutive 12-month Period) ¹	\$7.50/ 15 Minutes	H0006	Alcohol and/or drug services; case management
7011F	Treatment Plan Review for Methadone Recipient	\$30.00	T1007	Alcohol and/or substance abuse services, treatment plan development and/or modification
7020F	Medical Evaluation for Admission into Methadone Treatment	\$300.00	H0002 with modifier HF	Behavioral health screening to determine eligibility for admission to treatment program
7021F	Intake Physical for Non-Methadone Recipient	\$150.00	H0002	Behavioral health screening to determine eligibility for admission to treatment program
7022F	Rehabilitation Treatment, 15-minute Service Unit (Maximum of 10 Hours or 40 Units per Week, 40 Hours or 160 Units per Consecutive 12-month Period) ¹	\$10.00/ 15 Minutes	T1012	Alcohol and/or substance abuse services, skills development
7030F	Medication Management, per Visit	\$35.00	90862 with modifier HF	Pharmacologic Management
7035F	Medication Dispensing; Methadone or Antabuse, per Visit	\$10.00	H0020	Alcohol and/or drug services; Methadone administration and/or service (provision of the drug by a licensed program)
80100	Drug, Screen; Multiple Drug Classes, Each Procedure	Medicare Fee Schedule	Not Applicable	Continue to use procedure code 80100

¹Counseling, care coordination, or rehabilitation treatment services are not reimbursable when rendered at the same time as intensive outpatient services or intermediate services.

Questions and Answers for Substance Abuse Providers

First Health Services, in conjunction with the Department of Health and Social Services, has developed these Questions and Answers to assist you in filing your claims with Alaska Medical Assistance. More specifically, this information may be useful to providers as they transition from the use of current local/state unique procedure codes to national codes as required by HIPAA.

Question: What is a “crosswalk” and how is it used?

Answer: A “crosswalk” is a table or matrix that correlates the current local/state unique procedure code and service description with the replacement national code and service description. Providers may bill using state unique codes only through dates of service 12-31-2003 and will be required to use the replacement national codes for all dates of service on or after 1-1-2004.

Question: Which national code sources were used to choose the replacement codes for local/state unique codes that are reflected in the crosswalks?

Answer: To the extent possible, replacement codes were chosen from comparable services included within two national coding systems: the American Medical Association’s CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) and HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System) codes. In the absence of comparable CPT or HCPCS codes, a third national code source, developed by Alternative Link and referred to as ABC (Alternative Billing Concepts) codes, was utilized.

Question: Are any procedure code modifiers required to identify the correct service rendered?

Answer: For Substance abuse services, **two** replacement codes now require modifiers. The replacement code for 7020F (Medical Evaluation for Admission into Methadone Treatment) is H0002 and **it requires a modifier HF**. The replacement code for 7030F (Medication Management, per visit) is 90862 and **it also requires a modifier HF**.

Question: Have the time increments associated with the services changed?

Answer: For Substance Abuse Rehabilitation services, the time increment for the national replacement codes have not changed. Providers just need to ensure that the appropriate code is billed based on the date of service and report the correct number of units to identify the quantity of services actually rendered.

Example 1: If you provided one hour of individual counseling and the date of service is **before 12/31/03**, then you would bill 4 units of 1041F (4, 15-minute units). However, if you provided one hour of individual counseling and the date of service is **after 12/31/03**, then you would **bill 4 units of CDADK**.

Example 2: If you provided medical evaluation for admission into Methadone treatment and the date of service is **before 12/31/03**, then you would bill 1 unit of 7020F. However, if you provided medical evaluation for admission into Methadone treatment and the date of service is **after 12/31/03**, then you would **bill 1 unit of H0002 with a modifier HF**.

Question: Have the service limitation and prior authorization requirements changed?

Answer: The service limitation and prior authorization requirements as stipulated in the Alaska Medical Assistance regulations have **not** changed. Please ensure that you have requested the correct number of units and the correct code on the prior authorization request form. Double check the date of service, the old and new code descriptions, and the time increments associated with them. Calculate the number of units you are requesting to make sure it is accurate and included on the prior authorization request form.