

Below are Medical (Evaluation and Management (E&M)) codes, Psychiatric codes, ICD-9-CM, and some HCPCS codes that are sometimes used by physicians to report office-based treatment for opioid dependence.

The table below presents the commonly used codes during the various phases of treatment:

- Assessment/ Brief Intervention
- Diagnosis
- Induction Day 1 and additional days
- Follow-up, Stabilization, and Maintenance
- Other coding options

These codes are often used on their own or in combination where appropriate. Codes for additional services that accompany treatment for opioid dependence, such as laboratory examinations, individual psychotherapy, family or group psychotherapy, other drug abuse treatment services and laboratory examinations are not included here.

NOTE: The information contained here is strictly intended to provide a guide as to which codes are most often used by physicians administering office-based treatment for opioid dependence. It is your responsibility to ensure accurate coding, and it is advisable to check with the individual plan before submitting for reimbursement using any of these codes.

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Follow Up	<p>Each additional visit would be billed using an Evaluation and Management (E&M) code appropriate to the level of service and time spend. Documentation must include the start/end time and subject of the counseling if counseling time is more than 50% of the total visit length.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CPT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">99212,13,14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Est Pt Office Visit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There is no limit on the number of visits that can be billed with these codes.</p>	<p>The code selections below reflect options for each of the follow-up visits.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CPT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90804,06,08</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maint. Visit with a medical service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">These codes are determined by time spent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90805,07,09</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maint. Visit</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This reflects counseling and would be billed with an E&M code, such as 99212</p>
Other Code Options	<p>Use of these codes may vary by insurance carrier. HCPC codes are typically not recognized by plans, other than Medicare, unless special arrangement have been made with the carrier.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HCPCS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H0033 Oral Medication Used by CIGNA Behavioral Health to represent payments for the Induction Phase</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H0050 " Used by Aetna Behavioral Health to represent payments for Induction</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H0020 Drug Services Used by Care First BCBS (VA,DC,MD)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">H0014 Alcohol and/or drug services: ambulatory detox.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CPT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">90862 Medication management with minimal counseling</p> <p style="text-align: center;">99408,09 Substance abuse screening under and over 30 minutes.</p>	

Other Regional Health Plans may have similar "H" codes to reflect all or portions of the treatment program. Check with your carrier.