

Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI)

Beginning January 1, 2024, CMS has made final a rule that expands the authorizes providers of Health Behavior Assessment and Intervention (HBAI) to include Clinical Social Workers (CSW), Marriage & Family Therapists (MFTs), and Mental Health Counselors (MHCs), and Clinical Psychologists (CPs).

The current Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention codes (CPT codes 96156, 96158, 96159, 96164, 96165, 96167, 96168, 96170, and 96171) were created by the CPT Editorial Panel during its September 2018 meeting.

CPT	Description	Rate
96156	HBAI assessment/reassessment	\$98.86
96158	HBAI intervention individual (1 st 30 min.)	\$66.91
96159	HBAI intervention indiv. Each 15 min additional	\$22.64
96164	HBAI group 1 st 30 min	\$10.32
96165	HBAI group each ea. additional 15 min	\$4.66
96170	HBAI intervention family first 30 min	\$70.57
96171	HBAI intervention family each additional	\$25.30

*The rates listed are the national rate. There will be some variation in the final rate based on the location where services are rendered.

**HBAI Services can be rendered by telehealth

***Clinical Social Workers are generally reimbursed at 85% of the posted rate

Definition of a Clinical Social Worker

- (1) Possesses a master's or doctor's degree in social work;
- (2) After obtaining the degree, has performed at least 2 years of supervised clinical social work; and
- (3) Either is licensed or certified as a clinical social worker by the State in which the services are performed