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**SUBJECT:** Use of Add-on Code 99417

**SERVICE AFFECTED:** 99205, 99215 & 99417 - Evaluation & Management for Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse services.

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### BACKGROUND

Historically, the MDHHS description of the code 99417 for prolonged evaluation and management (E & M) services was unclear. See description, below.

*“Prolonged outpatient evaluation and management service(s) time with or without direct patient contact beyond the required time of the primary services when the primary service level has been selected using total time, each 15 minutes of total time (List separately in addition to the code of the outpatient Evaluation and Management service) ...”*

Specifically, the phrase “...each 15 minutes of total time...” was confusing, given that the unit type for 99417 is “Encounter.” Some providers were unclear as to how to submit claims for 99417.

**PROCEDURE** (Note: 99205 and 99215 will be collectively known as 992x5)

- Code 99417 is only used when the office or other outpatient service has been selected using time alone as the basis and only after the minimum time required to report the highest-level service (i.e., 99205, 99215) has been exceeded by 15 minutes.
- The duration of “99205 – E & M of New Patient” encounters must be between 60 – 74 minutes. The 99205 encounters must reach 75 minutes or more in order to bill one (1) encounter of the add-on code 99417. (Note: 60 minutes exceeded by 15 minutes equals 75 minutes.)

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- The duration of “99215 – E & M of Established Patient” encounters must be between 40 and 54 minutes. The 99215 encounters must reach 55 minutes or more in order to bill one (1) encounter of the add-on code 99417. (Note: 40 minutes exceeded by 15 minutes equals 55 minutes.)

## BILLING

- The provider should submit the claim for the primary E & M code 992x5 as usual, with the appropriate start and stop times.
- If the duration of the of the primary E & M code meets the requirements above, then the provider may also report the prolonged E & M add-on code 99417.
- The start time for the 99417 encounters must immediately follow the stop time for the 992x5 E & M code.
- Providers may only report one 99417 add-on code per E&M service; the unit type for 99417 is not “15-minutes”, the unit type is “encounter.”

## CHARTS

Code	Service Description	Reporting Code Description	Unit Type / Duration	Staff Credential Modifiers
99205	Evaluation and Management of New Patient	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision making. When using time for code selection, 60-74 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.	Encounter: 60-74 Minutes	AF - Psychiatrist; AG - Physician; SA - Physician Assistant, Nures Practitioner or Certified Nursing Speciaist.
99215	Evaluation and Management of Established Patient	Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision making. When using time for code selection, 40-54 minutes of total time is spent on the date of the encounter.	Encounter: 40-54 Minutes	AF - Psychiatrist; AG - Physician; SA - Physician Assistant, Nures Practitioner or Certified Nursing Speciaist.
99417	Medication Review	Prolonged outpatient evaluation and management service(s) time with or without direct patient contact beyond the required time of the primary service when the primary service level has been selected using total time, each 15 minutes of total time (List separately in addition to the code of the outpatient Evaluation and Management service) E/M 99205, 99215	Encounter	AF - Psychiatrist; AG - Physician; SA - Physician Assistant, Nures Practitioner or Certified Nursing Speciaist.

**REFERENCES:****Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual**

[http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551\\_2945\\_42542\\_42543\\_42546\\_42553-87572---,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71551_2945_42542_42543_42546_42553-87572---,00.html)

**MDHHS Website: SFY 2024 Behavioral Health and Provider Qualifications**

[https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550\\_2941\\_38765---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_2941_38765---,00.html)

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