Physician Billing for Office-Based Treatment for Opioid Dependence

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Physicians use CPT codes they are accustomed to using for outpatient “evaluation and management”:

- Outpatient new patient (99201-05)
- Outpatient consultant (99241-45)
- Outpatient established patient revisit (99211-15)
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Psychiatrists usually chose to use regular psychiatric CPT codes

- Outpatient New Patient (90801)
- Outpatient Consultation (99251-55)
- Outpatient Medication Management (90862)
- Outpatient Psychotherapy (90804-09)
- Outpatient Group Psychotherapy (90853)

Physician Billing

- Psychiatrists’ CPT codes are time-based
- Other physicians’ CPT codes are complexity-of-service based
- Services provided within the context of Intensive Outpatient Services can use Group Therapy codes, but most physicians will submit an MD/DO-specific charge vs. having charges wrapped into IOP charges