

QM DESK GUIDE

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ATTENTION: Billing Department and Clinical Staff

Graduate Student Billing

While DHCS continues to work with CMS on allowing Graduate Level Students to bill certain procedure codes, SmartCare has created a unique set-up specifically for Graduate Students. The role will give them the same access to screens (i.e., CalAIM Assessment, Diagnosis Document) and procedure codes as an LPHA. The claims produced from these services will be held until DHCS gives final approval allowing graduate students to bill for LPHA level services.

- Graduate Students receiving this set-up must be credentialed with Placer County QM as a Graduate Student.
- Please inform Placer County QM who will be co-signer the student's documents.
- Graduate Students can use the following procedure codes:
 - 90791 Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation, 15 Minutes
 - 90832, 90834, 90837 Psychotherapy, 30 Minutes with Patient
 - 90847 Family Psychotherapy [Conjoint Psychotherapy] (with Patient Present), 50 minutes.
 - Mental Health Providers only: 90853 Group Psychotherapy (Other Than of a Multiple-Family Group)
- SmartCare Users
 - Graduate Students will not see the codes above, and like all LPHAs have been given access to the following procedure codes:
 - Assessment LPHA
 - Individual Therapy
 - Group Therapy
 - Family Therapy-Client Present
- Invoicing:
 - The claims produced from these services will be held (i.e. not submitted to DHCS) until DHCS gives final approval allowing graduate students to claim for LPHA level services however contracted providers will continue to get reimbursed for the services provided.
 - Follow the invoicing and claims instructions posted on www.placer.ca.gov/9426/BILLING.