

## Provider Notice

**To:** PerformCare CABHC MH OP Clinics, Psychiatrists, Psychologists and CRNPs  
**From:** PerformCare  
**Date:** May 10, 2024  
**Subject:** MH 24 106 Interprofessional Consultation Services

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services issued the attached Medical Assistance Bulletin implementing Interprofessional Consultation Services effective 1/1/24. PerformCare has also extended this option to psychiatrists in licensed mental health outpatient clinics. Effective with the issuance of this notice, eligible providers can bill PerformCare for various consultation services described below that meet the CMS standard for consultation without the Member present as well as the required verbal reporting and written reports as applicable that must be submitted by the consulting professional to the treating practitioner. The MA bulletin includes these descriptions but additional guidance for these codes is found on page 2.

Proc. Code	Service Description
99446	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 5-10 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review
99447	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 11-20 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review
99448	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 21-30 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review
99449	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 31 minutes or more of medical consultative discussion and review
99451	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 5 minutes or more of medical consultative discussion and review
99452	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record referral service(s) provided by a treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 30 minutes

Additional guidance on the use of these codes has been published here:

<https://publications.aap.org/aapnews/news/6286/2-new-codes-developed-for-interprofessional?autologincheck=redirected> and is summarized below.

CPT code	Reported by	Concluded with	Time required	How time is spent
▲99446	Consultant	Verbal and written report to requestor	5-10 mins	Review pertinent medical records, lab/imaging studies, medication profile, etc. and medical consultative verbal or internet discussion <sup>b</sup>
▲99447	Consultant	Verbal and written report to requestor	11-20 mins	Review pertinent medical records, lab/imaging studies, medication profile, etc. and medical consultative verbal or internet discussion <sup>b</sup>
▲99448	Consultant	Verbal and written report to requestor	21-30 mins	Review pertinent medical records, lab/imaging studies, medication profile, etc. and medical consultative verbal or internet discussion <sup>b</sup>
▲99449	Consultant	Verbal and written report to requestor	≥ 31 mins	Review pertinent medical records, lab/imaging studies, medication profile, etc. and medical consultative verbal or internet discussion <sup>b</sup>
●99451	Consultant	Written report to treating/requesting physician/QHP	≥ 5 mins	Review pertinent medical records, lab/imaging studies, medication profile, etc. and medical consultative verbal or internet discussion
●99452	Treating/requesting physician/QHP	N/A	≥ 16mins <sup>c</sup>	Preparing for the consult and/or the actual time spent communicating with the consultant

<sup>b</sup> For codes 99466-99449, more than 50% of the service time must be consultative time and not time used to review data. Do not report codes 99466-99449 if data review time is greater than 50% of the total service time.

- new code
- ▲ code with a revised descriptor

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration and commitment to our Members. Please contact your Account Executive if you have any questions regarding this notice.

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