

Effective 11/19/10 the following changes will be put into effect for ED teams

Referrals for ongoing services

Providers, who are **NOT** continuing to serve in the capacity of ED team members in 2011, through the SPOE, may begin to accept referrals for ongoing services starting 11/22/10. Referrals may only be accepted for those children where the ED team member did NOT conduct the evaluation or assessment.

Billing for Initial Evaluations:

General

For initial assessments and evaluations for children younger than 30 months of age, ED team billing is limited to the following:

- 90 minutes of face to face time with the child, and may include up to 15 minutes preparation/paperwork time. Total billing may **NOT** exceed 105 minutes per person for the initial evaluation and is limited to 2 ED team members per evaluation, and
- For ED team members not enrolled with the SPOE, the 120 minute annual review time, will not be authorized after the date of this memo.

Evaluations for children 30 months of age or older:

- For initial evaluations where a child is 30 months of age or older, it should be explained to families that there may not be time for meaningful ongoing services in Part C. Immediate notice and coordination with Part B is required on the part of the SC.
- For children referred at 33 months of age or older, the SPOE/SC should explain the Part C timeline to parents and explain that sufficient time is not available for the delivery of ongoing services.
- Children 45 days from their 3rd birthday: the SPOE should explain to the family that the Part C timeline does not allow for the completion of the evaluation and discuss immediate referral to Part B.

Billing for Annual Evaluations:

General

For annual assessments and evaluations for children eligible under a developmental delay and younger than 30 months, ED team billing is limited to the following:

- 90 minutes of face to face time with the child, and may include up to 15 minutes preparation/paperwork time. Total billing may **NOT** exceed 105 minutes per person for the initial evaluation and is limited to 2 ED team members.
- For ED team members not enrolled with the SPOE, the 120 minute annual review time, will not be authorized after the date of this memo.

Medical Diagnosis

For children where medical diagnosis is the primary eligibility type and with supporting documentation from the treating physician, evaluation procedures and billing are limited to one of the following:

- 90 minutes on face to face time with the child (no additional review time is available) , for one evaluator,
- 60 minutes of face to face time with the child, per evaluator if 2 providers are used (no additional review time is available) , **OR**

- 30 minute total review time for a paper review, if the ED team has no ongoing concerns. Review time is available to the lead ED team member only and must be well documented, including the result of the review and time spent and the time to be billed.

Annual Evaluations for Children 30 months of age or older:

For annual evaluations where a child is 30 months of age or older, the AEPS is to be updated during the review. Evaluation times must be limited to one of the following:

- 90 minutes for one evaluator (no additional review time is available)
- 60 minutes per evaluator if 2 providers are used (no additional review time is available)

Review Time:

Effective after the date of Nov. 28th, 2010, ED team members may only bill for paper review time with written referral from the SC, which must include a request for a specific action/review. Written feedback to the SC must be provided and include the time utilized for the review.