



## PCPA Survey on Medicare “Incident To” Services



PCPA has learned of a new interpretation by HGSAdministrators (A Medicare Part B Fiscal Intermediary) regarding the ability of agencies to bill for psychotherapy services provided “incident to” a physician. The Association believes that “incident to” services for psychotherapy are an important part of the continuum of services and would have a negative impact on both Medicare recipients and provider agencies if they were to be discontinued.

PCPA members’ help is needed to support this through completion of the survey that follows. The data gathered requires specific information regarding the number of units of service billed to Medicare as “incident to” for several CPT codes, as well as providing 2001/2002 fiscal year financial information related to those particular units of service. PCPA needs this information to advocate on the behalf of its members. Members may find it easier to print the survey to assure knowledge of the codes for which information is being requested. Someone on agency staff who knows and understands the “incident to” billing process should complete the survey.

It will take approximately 15 minutes to complete the survey, however collection of the data may take longer depending on the agency's information system.

The Association extends thanks for your willingness to participate. Be assured that the information collected will only be shared in aggregate form; no individual agency data will be disclosed.

Questions regarding this survey and additional information on “incident to” billing can be directed to Rebecca May Cole ([rebecca@paproviders.org](mailto:rebecca@paproviders.org) or 717-657-7078) at PCPA.



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## Contact Information

\*\*This survey is also available for completion online at [www.paproviders.org](http://www.paproviders.org). For ease of collecting and analyzing the data, it is strongly recommended that surveys be completed online\*\*

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Units of Service – Fiscal Year 2001/2002:** Please enter the number of units provided "incident to" a psychiatrist or psychologist during fiscal year 2001/2002 for each service indicated. All codes and descriptions are used from the 2003 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual published by the American Medical Association.

Code	Description	Unit of Service	Number of Units
90804	Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, face-to-face with the patient	20 - 30 minutes	_____
90805	Individual psychotherapy (90804) with medical evaluation and management services		_____
90806	Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, face-to-face with the patient	45 - 50 minutes	_____
90807	Individual psychotherapy (90806) with medical evaluation and management services		_____
90808	Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an office or outpatient facility, face-to-face with the patient	75 - 80 minutes	_____
90809	Individual psychotherapy (90808) with medical evaluation and management services		_____
90846	Family psychotherapy (without the patient present)		_____
90847	Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present)		_____
90849	Multiple-family group psychotherapy		_____
90853	Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group)		_____
90857	Interactive group psychotherapy		_____

If there are other units billed "incident to" in substantial volume, enter the CPT code and number of units below: (If no other units were billed, leave blank.)

CPT Code	_____	_____	_____	_____
Number of Units	_____	_____	_____	_____



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## Total Service Cost

How many unduplicated clients did you provide "incident to" services to? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of clients from the previous question are dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement? \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter the total dollar amount of psychotherapy services provided "incident to" physicians and psychologists in your fiscal year 2001/2002 budget. \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of your fiscal year 2001/2002 budget does the above amount account for? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of this reimbursement is from services provided "incident to" a psychiatrist? \_\_\_\_\_

What percentage of this reimbursement is from services provided "incident to" a psychologist? \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know of any comments about the survey, or comments on the impact eliminating "incident to" psychotherapy services will have on the Medicare recipients you serve and your agency.

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Would you be willing to serve on a work group to assist PCPA in developing and implementing strategies to reinstate "incident to" billing for psychotherapy services? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you are willing to participate in the work group, please provide your e-mail address here:

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. With your help, PCPA will be better able to advocate for the needs of it's members.

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Please fax this survey to  
717-657-3552  
no later than January 21, 2003