

**Billing Codes for Certified Peer Support Specialist Services**

Effective FY2022-2023, Individuals classified as Certified Peer Support Specialists are required to use H0025 and/or H0038 codes for billing the peer services delivered. This means that services rendered by a certified peer support specialist should be claimed/billed as a peer service which is unique to their distinct role and skills/lived experience.

Code	Service Name in EHR	Description	Notes	Certified Peer Support Specialist (DMC-ODS)***	Certified Peer Support Specialist (SMHS)
H0025*	BH Prev Educ Svc Group	Behavioral Health Prevention Education service, delivery of service with target population to affect knowledge, attitude, and/or behavior.	- ONLY used for Group Activities - Group activity providing a supportive environment in which beneficiaries and their families learn coping mechanisms and problem-solving skills to help the beneficiaries achieve desired outcomes. These <b>non-clinical</b> groups promote skill building for the beneficiaries in the areas of socialization, recovery, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of skills learned in other support services. This service/service code is only applicable to Certified Peer Support Specialists. - Service Code 57 (MH only)	YES	YES
H0038*	Self Help/Peer Svcs Individ	Self-help/peer services, per 15 minutes	- Used for ALL individual services - Peer Support Specialist led <b>non-clinical</b> activities and coaching to encourage and support beneficiaries to participate in behavioral health treatment, including support for beneficiaries in transitions between levels of care, and in developing their own recovery goals and processes. Peer Support Specialist role is to promote recovery, wellness, self-advocacy, relationship enhancement, development of natural supports, self-awareness and values, and maintenance of community living skills. Activities may include but are not limited to, advocacy on behalf of the beneficiary, resource navigation, and collaboration with the beneficiaries and others providing care or support to the beneficiary. This service/service code is only applicable to Certified Peer Support Specialists. - Service Code 58 (MH only)	YES	YES
H0050**	Contingency Mgmt	Alcohol and/or Drug Services, brief intervention, 15 minutes		This code is for a Contingency Management role specifically, regardless of credential type	N/A

*\*Code that only CERTIFIED Peer Support Specialists can use.*

*\*\*Code that may be used by certified peers in a Contingency Management role specifically. Certified Peer Support Specialists (or other trained staff) are eligible to fill Contingency Management roles. For Certified Peers in a dual role (i.e., provides Contingency Management services and Peer Support Services), programs are required to ensure such staff provide peer services to only those beneficiaries not eligible for Contingency Management since it's a cohort of a program's population who will meet the criteria.*

*\*\*\*For DMC-ODS programs, county-billable Case Management will no longer be applicable for non-certified peers effective July 1, 2023. Services shall only be provided by certified peers as described in the table above.*

Please **note** that outpatient and residential specialty mental health programs and/or DMC-ODS programs (including withdrawal management) may bill for Peer Support Services as a stand-alone service. Peer Support Services may be claimed in addition to, and concurrently with, residential or inpatient services. However, peer support services cannot be claimed as a stand-alone service when a certified Peer Support Specialist is acting as a member of a mobile crisis team and the team is submitting a claim for a mobile crisis encounter under the Mobile Crisis Response benefit.

As a **reminder**, program staff in identified positions that require behavioral health lived experience must be trained and certified per the process defined on the [CalMHSA](#) website.