

Alcohol & Drug Dependence



Coding & Documentation

The presence of a condition cannot be assumed even if evidence is present in the medical record. It requires the provider's clinical judgment and explicit diagnosis.

Substance use disorder: Patterned use of a substance in an amount or method causes significant impairment or distress.

Physical Dependence: A substance is needed to function normally; withdrawal symptoms would occur if the drug were stopped abruptly.

Psychological Dependence: Discontinued use of a substance results in emotional or behavioral disturbances.

Diagnostic Criteria¹

Patient must display two or more of the following symptoms in a 12-month period:

- Use of substance in larger doses or for a longer time period than intended
- Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to reduce or control use
- Abundance of time spent obtaining, using or recovering from the effects of a substance
- Strong cravings or desire to use
- Recurrent use resulting in failure to fulfill obligations at work, home or school
- Continued use even when persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems are caused by the effects
- Abandonment of important social, recreational or occupational activities because of use
- Recurrent use in physically hazardous situations
- Tolerance — the need for increased amount achieve desired effect; the diminished effect with continued use of same amount
- Withdrawal — characteristic withdrawal syndrome; use to relieve or ovoid withdrawal

ICD-10-CM Codes²

Mental and behavioral disorders due to psychoactive substance use, F10–F19

Identify the substance — each substance is addressed as a separate disorder:

- Alcohol
- Cocaine
- Inhalant
- Opioid
- Other stimulant (amphetamine, caffeine, etc.)
- Other (or unknown) psychoactive substance
- Cannabis
- Hallucinogen
- Sedative, hypnotic or anxiolytic
- Nicotine

¹ American Psychiatric Association: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Association, 2013.

² <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/icd-10/2021-icd-10-cm>

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Coding Hierarchy

If Documented...	Then Code...
Use & abuse	Abuse
Use & dependence	Dependence
Abuse & dependence	Dependence
Use, abuse & dependence	Dependence

Disorder Severity

Mild	2-3 symptoms
Moderate	4-5 symptoms
Severe	6+ symptoms

Severe use disorder = addiction³

A substance addiction will likely require ongoing treatment for several years.

“In Remission”

Disorder	Classification
Early remission	No signs/symptoms of disorder for 3-12 months
Sustained remission	No signs/symptoms of disorder for 12+ months
Abuse in remission	Mild use disorder in early or sustained remission
Dependence in remission	Moderate or severe use disorder in early or sustained remission

Document to the highest known degree and code to the highest specificity.

Documentation should include, if applicable:

- Substance type
- Severity
- Association with intoxication or withdrawal
- Detailed clinical diagnosis
- Treatment plan/condition management
- Presence of induced manifestation or complication, such as:
 - Delirium
 - Perceptual disturbance
 - Anxiety
 - Sexual dysfunction
 - Sleep or mood disorder
 - Persisting amnesic disorder or dementia

³ <https://www.addictionpolicy.org/post/dsm-5-facts-and-figures>

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Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment (IET)

Measure evaluates adolescent and adult members, ages 13 and older, with a new episode of alcohol or other drug (AOD) abuse or dependence who received the following between January 1 and November 14 of the measurement year

Two rates are reported:

Initiation of AOD Treatment	Engagement of AOD Treatment
Members who initiate treatment through an inpatient AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter, or partial hospitalization, telehealth, or medication treatment within 14 days of diagnosis	Members who initiated treatment and were engaged in ongoing AOD treatment within 34 days of the initiation visit. Engagement is at least one medication treatment event or two visits by AOD admission, outpatient visit, intensive outpatient encounter, or partial hospitalization, or telehealth.

Initiation of AOD Treatment

Submit claims with any diagnosis code to identify AOD with an IET treatment code as listed below.

For all initiation events except medication treatment, initiation on the same day as the index episode start date (IESD) must be with different providers in order to count.

Outpatient, intensive outpatient, partial hospitalization, observation, telehealth, or ED visit (not resulting in an inpatient stay)	The date of service
Inpatient stay or for detoxification that occurred during an inpatient stay	The date of discharge
Detoxification (other than detoxification that occurred during an inpatient stay)	The date of service
ED or observation visits that result in an inpatient stay	The date of the inpatient discharge
Direct transfers	The discharge date from the last admission

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- If the index episode was an inpatient discharge or ED/observation visit that resulted in an inpatient stay, then the inpatient stay is considered initiation of treatment and the member is compliant.
- If the index episode was an opioid treatment service that bills monthly, then the opioid treatment service is considered initiation of treatment and the member is compliant: **HCPCS codes G2086, G2087**
- If the index episode was not an inpatient discharge, then the member must initiate treatment on the IESD or in the 13 days following the IESD (14 total days). Any of the following combinations must meet criteria for initiation.

ICD-10-CM codes for alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse or dependence are listed on the next page.

Description	Coding		
An acute or non-acute inpatient admission with an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis on the discharge claim	UBREV		
	0100, 0101, 0110, 0111, 0112, 0113, 0114, 0116, 0117, 0118, 0119, 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123, 0124, 0126, 0127, 0128, 0129, 0130, 0131, 0132, 0133, 0134, 0136, 0137, 0138, 0139, 0140, 0141, 0142, 0143, 0144, 0146, 0147, 0148, 0149, 0150, 0151, 0152, 0153, 0154, 0156, 0157, 0158, 0159, 0160, 0164, 0167, 0169, 0170, 0171, 0172, 0173, 0174, 0179, 0190, 0191, 0192, 0193, 0194, 0199, 0200, 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210, 0211, 0212, 0213, 0214, 0219, 1000, 1001, 1002		
IET standalone visits with an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT®	HCPCS	UBREV
	98960, 98961, 98962, 99078, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99408, 99409, 99411, 99412, 99483, 99510	G0155, G0176, G0177, G0396, G0397, G0409, G0410, G0411, G0443, G0463, H0001, H0002, H0004, H0005, H0007, H0015, H0016, H0022, H0031, H0034, H0035, H0036, H0037, H0039, H0040, H0047, H2000, H2001, H2010, H2011, H2012, H2013, H2014, H2015, H2016, H2017, H2018, H2019, H2020, H2035, H2036, S0201, S9480, S9484, S9485, T1006, T1012, T1015	0510, 0513, 0515, 0516, 0517, 0519, 0520, 0521, 0522, 0523, 0526, 0527, 0528, 0529, 0900, 0902, 0903, 0904, 0905, 0906, 0907, 0911, 0912, 0913, 0914, 0915, 0916, 0917, 0919, 0944, 0945, 0982, 0983
An observation with an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT		
	99217, 99218, 99219, 99220		
IET group 1 visits with POS and an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	Place of Service	
	90791, 90792, 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, 90839, 90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875, 90876	02, 03, 05, 07, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 33, 49, 50, 52, 53, 57, 58, 71, 72	

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Description	Coding	
IET group 2 visits with POS and an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	Place of Service
	99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, 99239, 99251, 99252, 99253, 99254, 99255	02, 52, 53
A telephone visit with an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	
	98966, 98967, 98968, 99441, 99442, 99443	
An e-visit or virtual check-in with an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	HCPCS
	98969, 98970, 98971, 98972, 99421, 99422, 99423, 99444, 99458	G2010, G2012, G2061, G2062, G2063

Alcohol, Opioid, and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence ICD-10-CM Codes

F10.10, F10.120, F10.121, F10.129, F10.14, F10.150, F10.151, F10.159, F10.180, F10.181, F10.182, F10.188, F10.19, F10.20, F10.220, F10.221, F10.229, F10.230, F10.231, F10.232, F10.239, F10.24, F10.250, F10.251, F10.259, F10.26, F10.27, F10.280, F10.281, F10.282, F10.288, F10.29, F11.10, F11.120, F11.121, F11.122, F11.129, F11.14, F11.150, F11.151, F11.159, F11.181, F11.182, F11.188, F11.19, F11.20, F11.220, F11.221, F11.222, F11.229, F11.23, F11.24, F11.250, F11.251, F11.259, F11.281, F11.282, F11.288, F11.29, F12.10, F12.120, F12.121, F12.122, F12.129, F12.150, F12.151, F12.159, F12.180, F12.188, F12.19, F12.20, F12.220, F12.221, F12.222, F12.229, F12.23, F12.250, F12.251, F12.259, F12.280, F12.288, F12.29, F13.10, F13.120, F13.121, F13.129, F13.14, F13.150, F13.151, F13.159, F13.180, F13.181, F13.182, F13.188, F13.19, F13.20, F13.220, F13.221, F13.229, F13.230, F13.231, F13.232, F13.239, F13.24, F13.250, F13.251, F13.259, F13.26, F13.27, F13.280, F13.281, F13.282, F13.288, F13.29, F14.10, F14.120, F14.121, F14.122, F14.129, F14.14, F14.150, F14.151, F14.159, F14.180, F14.181, F14.182, F14.188, F14.19, F14.20, F14.220, F14.221, F14.222, F14.229, F14.23, F14.24, F14.250, F14.251, F14.259, F14.280, F14.281, F14.282, F14.288, F14.29, F15.10, F15.120, F15.121, F15.122, F15.129, F15.14, F15.150, F15.151, F15.159, F15.180, F15.181, F15.182, F15.188, F15.19, F15.20, F15.220, F15.221, F15.222, F15.229, F15.23, F15.24, F15.250, F15.251, F15.259, F15.280, F15.281, F15.282, F15.288, F15.29, F16.10, F16.120, F16.121, F16.122, F16.129, F16.14, F16.150, F16.151, F16.159, F16.180, F16.183, F16.188, F16.19, F16.20, F16.220, F16.221, F16.229, F16.24, F16.250, F16.251, F16.259, F16.280, F16.283, F16.288, F16.29, F18.10, F18.120, F18.121, F18.129, F18.14, F18.150, F18.151, F18.159, F18.17, F18.180, F18.188, F18.19, F18.20, F18.220, F18.221, F18.229, F18.24, F18.250, F18.251, F18.259, F18.27, F18.280, F18.288, F18.29, F19.10, F19.120, F19.121, F19.122, F19.129, F19.14, F19.150, F19.151, F19.159, F19.16, F19.17, F19.180, F19.181, F19.182, F19.188, F19.19, F19.20, F19.220, F19.221, F19.222, F19.229, F19.230, F19.231, F19.232, F19.239, F19.24, F19.250, F19.251, F19.259, F19.26, F19.27, F19.280, F19.281, F19.282, F19.288, F19.29

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If the index episode was for a diagnosis of alcohol abuse or dependence, a medication treatment-dispensing event or medication treatment during a visit, then:

HCPCS Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes
H0020, H0033, J0570, J0571, J0572, J0573, J0574, J0575, J2315, Q9991, Q9992, S0109	F10.10, F10.120, F10.121, F10.129, F10.14, F10.150, F10.151, F10.159, F10.180, F10.181, F10.182, F10.188, F10.19, F10.20, F10.220, F10.221, F10.229, F10.230, F10.231, F10.232, F10.239, F10.24, F10.250, F10.251, F10.259, F10.26, F10.27, F10.280, F10.281, F10.282, F10.288, F10.29

Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment Medications	
Description	Prescription
Aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor	Disulfiram (oral)
Antagonist	Naltrexone (oral and injectable)
Other	Acamprosate (oral; delayed-release tablet)

If the index episode was for a diagnosis of opioid abuse or dependence during a visit, then:

HCPCS Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes
G2071, G2074, G2075, G2076, G2077, G2080, G086, G087	F11.10, F11.120, F11.121, F11.122, F11.129, F11.14, F11.150, F11.151, F11.159, F11.181, F11.182, F11.188, F11.19, F11.20, F11.220, F11.221, F11.222, F11.229, F11.23, F11.24, F11.250, F11.251, F11.259, F11.281, F11.282, F11.288, F11.29

If the index episode was for a diagnosis of opioid abuse or dependence, a medication treatment-dispensing event or medication treatment during a visit, then:

HCPCS Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes	Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment Medications	
		Description	Prescription
H0020, H0033, J0570, J0571, J0572, J0573, J0574, J0575, J2315, Q9991, Q9992, S0109, G2067, G2068, G2069, G2070, G2072, G2073	F11.10, F11.120, F11.121, F11.122, F11.129, F11.14, F11.150, F11.151, F11.159, F11.181, F11.182, F11.188, F11.19, F11.20, F11.220, F11.221, F11.222, F11.229, F11.23, F11.24, F11.250, F11.251, F11.259, F11.281, F11.282, F11.288, F11.29	Antagonist	Naltrexone (oral and injectable)
		Partial agonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buprenorphine (sublingual tablet, injection, implant) Buprenorphine/naloxone (sublingual tablet, buccal film, sublingual film)

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Engagement of AOD Treatment

Submit claims with any diagnosis code to identify AOD with an IET treatment code as listed below:

- Two engagement visits can be on the same date of service, but they must be with different providers in order to count as two events. An engagement visit on the same date of service as an engagement medication treatment event meets criteria, and there is no requirement that they be with different providers.
- For members who initiated treatment via an inpatient admission, the 34-day period for engagement begins the day after discharge.
- If a member had an opioid treatment service that bills monthly, or if they had a visit that included medication administration beginning the day after the initiation encounter through 34 days following the initiation event, and if the IESD was a diagnosis of opioid abuse or dependence, then the member is compliant with engagement for AOD treatment.
- If a member's initiation of AOD treatment was a medication treatment event, and the member has two or more engagement events in which only one can be an engagement medication treatment event, beginning the day after the initiation encounter through 34 days following the initiation event (34 total days), then the member is compliant with engagement for AOD treatment: **HCPCS codes G2086, G2087, G2067, G2068, G2069, G2070, G2072, G2073**

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Any of the following beginning the day after the initiation encounter through 34 days following the initiation event (34 total days) meet criteria for an engagement visit:

Description	Coding		
An acute or non-acute inpatient admission with an alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis on the discharge claim	UBREV		
	0100, 0101, 0110, 0111, 0112, 0113, 0114, 0116, 0117, 0118, 0119, 0120, 0121, 0122, 0123, 0124, 0126, 0127, 0128, 0129, 0130, 0131, 0132, 0133, 0134, 0136, 0137, 0138, 0139, 0140, 0141, 0142, 0143, 0144, 0146, 0147, 0148, 0149, 0150, 0151, 0152, 0153, 0154, 0156, 0157, 0158, 0159, 0160, 0164, 0167, 0169, 0170, 0171, 0172, 0173, 0174, 0179, 0190, 0191, 0192, 0193, 0194, 0199, 0200, 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204, 0206, 0207, 0208, 0209, 0210, 0211, 0212, 0213, 0214, 0219, 1000, 1001, 1002		
IET standalone visits with an alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	HCPCS	UBREV
	98960, 98961, 98962, 99078, 99201, 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99211, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99241, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99341, 99342, 99343, 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397, 99401, 99402, 99403, 99404, 99408, 99409, 99411, 99412, 99483, 99510	G0155, G0176, G0177, G0396, G0397, G0409, G0410, G0411, G0443, G0463, H0001, H0002, H0004, H0005, H0007, H0015, H0016, H0022, H0031, H0034, H0035, H0036, H0037, H0039, H0040, H0047, H2000, H2001, H2010, H2011, H2012, H2013, H2014, H2015, H2016, H2017, H2018, H2019, H2020, H2035, H2036, S0201, S9480, S9484, S9485, T1006, T1012, T1015	0510, 0513, 0515, 0516, 0517, 0519, 0520, 0521, 0522, 0523, 0526, 0527, 0528, 0529, 0900, 0902, 0903, 0904, 0905, 0906, 0907, 0911, 0912, 0913, 0914, 0915, 0916, 0917, 0919, 0944, 0945, 0982, 0983
An observation with an alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT		
	99217, 99218, 99219, 99220		
IET group 1 visits with POS with an alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	Place of Service	
	90791, 90792, 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, 90839, 90840, 90845, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90875, 90876	02, 03, 05, 07, 09, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 33, 49, 50, 52, 53, 57, 58, 71, 72	
IET group 2 visits with POS with an alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT	Place of Service	
	99221, 99222, 99223, 99231, 99232, 99233, 99238, 99239, 99251, 99252, 99253, 99254, 99255	02, 52, 53	
A telephone visit with an alcohol, opioid or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT		
	98966, 98967, 98968, 99441, 99442, 99443		
An e-visit or virtual check-in with an alcohol, opioid, or other drug abuse and/or dependence diagnosis	CPT		HCPCS
	98969, 98970, 98971, 98972, 99421, 99422, 99423, 99444, 99458		G2010, G2012, G2061, G2062, G2063

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If the index episode was for a diagnosis of opioid abuse or dependence during an opioid treatment service, then:

HCPCS Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes
G2071, G2074, G2075, G2076, G2077, G2080, G086, G087	F11.10, F11.120, F11.121, F11.122, F11.129, F11.14, F11.150, F11.151, F11.159, F11.181, F11.182, F11.188, F11.19, F11.20, F11.220, F11.221, F11.222, F11.229, F11.23, F11.24, F11.250, F11.251, F11.259, F11.281, F11.282, F11.288, F11.29

If the IESD diagnosis was a diagnosis of alcohol abuse or dependence, one or more medication treatment-dispensing events, or medication treatment during a visit, then beginning the day after the initiation encounter through 34 days following the initiation event (34 total days), this meets criteria for alcohol abuse and dependence treatment.

HCPCS Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes
H0020, H0033, J0570, J0571, J0572, J0573, J0574, J0575, J2315, Q9991, Q9992, S0109	F10.10, F10.120, F10.121, F10.129, F10.14, F10.150, F10.151, F10.159, F10.180, F10.181, F10.182, F10.188, F10.19, F10.20, F10.220, F10.221, F10.229, F10.230, F10.231, F10.232, F10.239, F10.24, F10.250, F10.251, F10.259, F10.26, F10.27, F10.280, F10.281, F10.282, F10.288, F10.29

Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment Medications	
Description	Prescription
Aldehyde dehydrogenase inhibitor	Disulfiram (oral)
Antagonist	Naltrexone (oral and injectable)
Other	Acamprosate (oral; delayed-release tablet)

If the IESD was a diagnosis of opioid abuse or dependence, one or more medication-dispensing events, or medication treatment during a visit, then beginning the day after the initiation encounter through 34 days following the initiation event (34 total days), this meets criteria for opioid abuse and dependence treatment.

HCPCS Codes	ICD-10-CM Codes
H0020, H0033, J0570, J0571, J0572, J0573, J0574, J0575, J2315, Q9991, Q9992, S0109	F11.10, F11.120, F11.121, F11.122, F11.129, F11.14, F11.150, F11.151, F11.159, F11.181, F11.182, F11.188, F11.19, F11.20, F11.220, F11.221, F11.222, F11.229, F11.23, F11.24, F11.250, F11.251, F11.259, F11.281, F11.282, F11.288, F11.29

Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Medications	
Description	Prescription
Antagonist	Naltrexone (oral and injectable)
Partial agonist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buprenorphine (sublingual tablet, injection, implant) Buprenorphine/naloxone (sublingual tablet, buccal film, sublingual film)