



Announcement: Procedure Code 98016 added as an allowable billing code for Article 29-I VFCA Health Facilities

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To: Article 29-I VFCA Health Facilities (29-Is) and Medicaid Managed Care Plans (MMCPs) including Mainstream Managed Care and HIV Special Needs Plans

In alignment with recent AMA coding updates, procedure code 98016 has been added as an allowable billing code for Article 29-I VFCA Health Facilities effective January 1, 2025. This code will be billed with rate code 4594. Further information on billing for procedure code 98016 can be found below:

| Rate Code   | Unit Limit per Rate Code | Rate Code Description |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 4594  | 12 units/day             | Office Visit          |
| <b>Billing Unit Measure: 15 minutes</b>   |                          |                       |
| Service Description   |                          | Modifier              |
| Brief communication technology-based service (e.g., virtual check-in) by a physician or other qualified health care professional who can report evaluation and management services, provided to an established patient, not originating from a related evaluation and management service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an evaluation and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment, 8-10 minutes of medical discussion. Do not report 98016 in conjunction with 98000-98015. Do not report services of less than 8 minutes of medical discussion. This is a patient-initiated service. |                          | U9, SC                |
|   |                          | 98016                 |

To allow for the receipt and payment of claims that include this procedure code, MMCPs must update their systems no later than 90 days from the date of this announcement.

The 29-I Health Facility Billing Manual has been updated to include information on billing for procedure code 98016. The updated 29-I Health Facility Billing Manual, along with a Guide to Edits can be found on the 29-I page of the DOH website at the following links:

- 29-I Health Facility Billing Manual (Version 2025-1) - [\(Web\)](#) - [\(PDF\)](#) - January 2025



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- Guide to Edits 29 - I Health Facility Billing Manual (Version 2025-1) - [\(Web\)](#) - [\(PDF\)](#) - January 2025

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