

Collateral

Collateral is contact with any significant support person in the life of the client (e.g. family members, significant others) with the intent of improving or maintaining the mental health of the client. This *excludes* other professionals involved in the client’s care. Collateral may include helping significant support persons understand and accept the client’s challenges/barriers and involving them in planning and provision of care.

Who Can Use These Codes?

	Physician	PA	NP	RN	RN with MH/MA	LVN or Psych Tech	L/R/W Psych	L/R/W LCSW/ASW, MFT/MFTI, LPCC/LPCCI	Trainee - post BA/BS and pre MA/MS/PhD	MHRS	Other, Unlicensed
Collateral	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Collateral Group	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Service Code: 90887I

This billing code is used when having contact with a significant support person in the life of the client, for which the client may or may not be present.

Billable Services Include:

- ✓ Consultation and training of the significant support person to assist client in better utilization of mental health services
- ✓ Providing support and psychoeducation to increase support person’s understanding of the client’s symptoms, strengths, barriers to progress, and paths to wellness and recovery
- ✓ Obtaining information relevant to the ongoing care of the client from an important person in the client’s life
- ✓ Discussing with an important person in client’s life (with Release of Information) how to help client overcome obstacles or how to support client with improvement in an area of functioning
- ✓ Helping family members who are part of the client’s significant support team implement supportive strategies that will help the client meet his/her service plan goals and objective and a greater degree of wellness and recovery

Non-Billable Activities Include:

- ✗ Coordinating or linking with other providers/professions (e.g. outside or adjunct agency staff, Child Welfare workers, school teachers, board and care operators, residential treatment/group home staff. See Targeted Case Management)
- ✗ Providing individual therapy for a client’s parent or significant other
- ✗ Communication with significant support persons that does not focus on client’s treatment and mental health

- ✘ Working with anyone else not perceived by the client as a member of the client's immediate family/support system

A Good Collateral Note Includes:

- Identification of people involved in the service and their role in the case, for whom you have a current Release of Information
- Documentation of the presence of a valid and current Release of Information, when warranted
- The training or psychoeducation provided to the significant support person
- How the client's mental health goals were addressed through collateral support
- The response of those involved in the service to the mental health interventions
- Follow up plan, if needed

Collateral Group

Service Code: 90887G

This billing code is used for a service provided to a group of significant support persons (e.g. family members, significant others) of more than one client for the purpose of psychoeducation and support as it relates to the clients' mental health needs. This group has the specific intent of improving or developing the support persons' skills necessary to support clients in achieving their treatment goals. A Group Log and Group Progress Note would need to be completed to bill for this service.

Billable Services Include:

- ✓ Providing support and psychoeducation to increase support persons' understanding of the clients' symptoms, strengths, barriers to progress, and paths to wellness and recovery
- ✓ Discussing with support persons (with necessary and valid Releases of Information) how to help clients overcome obstacles or how to support clients with improvement in an area of functioning
- ✓ Helping family members who are part of the client's significant support team implement supportive strategies that will help the clients meet their service plan goals and objectives and experience a greater degree of wellness and recovery

Non-Billable Activities Include:

- ✘ Communication with significant support persons that does not focus on clients' treatment and mental health

A Good Collateral Group Note Includes:

- Description of group focus and purpose
- Description of the participants' unique participation, presentation, and response to the group intervention
- Clear connection of the group service and participants' responses to the Client Service Plan goals and objectives for each client
- Documentation of the presence of a valid and current Release of Information if client's protected health information is disclosed