

Smoking Cessation Billing Codes

How do primary care physicians bill for cessation counselling?



Code/Fee	Billing Description & Documentation	Payment Rules
E079 @ \$15.40	Use this code for initial smoking cessation discussion with patients who currently smoke. <u>Documentation</u> in medical record must include that an initial sc discussion has taken place.	Billing physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be patient's most responsible primary care provider • use code only once per 12 months per patient • use code in conjunction with one of the following services: A001, A003, A004, A006, A007, A008, A903, A905, K005, K007, K013, K017, P003, P004, P005, P008, W001, W002, W003, W004, W008, W010, W102, W104, W107, W109, W121
K039 @\$33.45	Use this code for follow-up (to E079) visits dedicated to a discussion of smoking cessation . <u>Documentation</u> in medical record must include that a smoking cessation follow-up visit has taken place, by either completion of a flow sheet or recording a follow-up of the patient's smoking status and review of the five As . Flow sheet found at: http://youcanmakeithappen.ca/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Appendix-B6-Smoking-Progress-Notes-CHC.pdf	Billing physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be patient's most responsible primary care provider • be the same physician who billed E079 in preceding 12 month period • use code only twice/12 months/patient following E079
Q042 @ \$7.50 Add-on fee for patient enrolment models only	Use this add-on code in addition to K039 if you are a physician in a patient enrolment practice.	Billing physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be participating in an eligible patient enrolment model (CCM, FHT, FHG, FHO, BSM etc.) • be billing service for an enrolled patient • use code alongside K039 & only twice/12 months/patient
Additional fee code options for smoking cessation counselling	A001 & A007 (minor and intermediate assessment codes) and K013& K033 (primary mental health care codes) may also be used for ongoing smoking cessation follow-up counselling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A001/A007: no time requirement • K013: use code only 3 times/patient/year & must counsel patient for 20 minutes minimum/visit • K033 can be used once K013 maximum has been reached