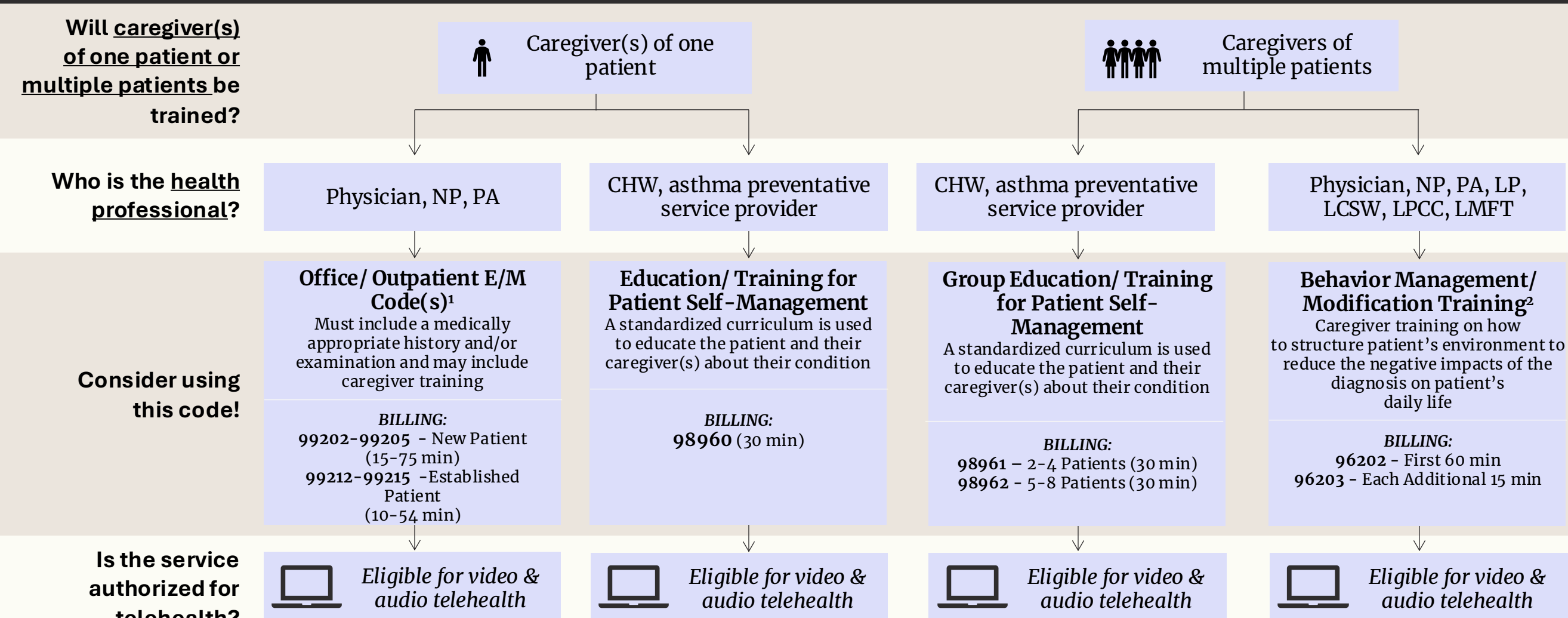


# Billing Guide for Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service Caregiver Training

If the answers to the two questions are “yes”, you can bill for caregiver training.

- A. Does a patient’s caregiver need training to support the patient’s treatment plan?  
B. Will the patient be present for the caregiver training?



- Notes**
- The E/M codes listed can be used for in-office or other outpatient visits. Other E/M codes can be used for visits in private residences and alternate settings.
  - This code may be used if the patient is receiving non-specialty mental health services.

## Helpful Definitions and Acronyms

**Caregiver:** An adult family member or other individual who provides assistance to a patient with a physical or mental limitation.

### Health professionals:

- Nurse practitioner (NP)
- Physician assistant (PA)
- Community health worker (CHW)
- Licensed psychologist (LP)
- Licensed clinical social worker (LCSW)
- Licensed professional clinical counselor (LPCC)
- Licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT)

**Asthma Preventative Service Providers:** Can be physicians, NPs, PAs.

**Treatment Plan:** A treatment plan is a patient-centered plan of care that appropriately accounts for clinical circumstances. Where the provider believes a caregiver's involvement is valuable to ensure a successful treatment plan and the patient agrees to caregiver involvement, caregiver training may be provided.

## Alternative Medi-Cal Caregiver Training Billing Options

In addition to Medi-Cal fee-for-service (FFS) billing, providers in California may be able to bill for caregiver training through additional means:

**1) Medi-Cal Managed Care:** Although billing Medi-Cal managed care plans will closely resemble guidance in the Medi-Cal FFS billing guide, managed care plans can have additional billing guidance and policies. Providers should check with patients' managed care plan billing guidance before billing.

**2) Alternative payment models:** In California, alternative payment models may reimburse caregiver training in ways not reflected in the Medi-Cal FFS billing graphic. For example, providers that are part of an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) may find additional flexibilities in offering caregiver training.

**3) Special Waiver Programs:** Some Medi-Cal patients may be enrolled in California waiver programs that offer caregiver training as a benefit. Examples of these programs include, but are not limited to:

- Home and Community-Based Alternatives (HCBA)
- Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled (HCBS-DD)
- Self-Determination Program for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- California Community Transitions (CCT) Program
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

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