**Bridge Clinic - low barrier, rapid access clinic for patients with SUDs**

All visits billed as OP visits

Walk-ins treated immediately (Medicaid “Treat First”)

* Alcohol/benzodiazepine dependence/withdrawal
* Infections related to intravenous drug use
* Opioid overdose +/- naloxone reversal
* Ongoing cocaine, heroin, fentanyl use
* Pharmacotherapy
* Individual and group therapy
* Peer support services
* CCSS for longer term recovery/community support
* Assistance with social services
* Connection to long-term care (AARTC)
* Referrals to primary care and from primary care

**Typical Staff**

* Addiction psychiatry and/or Medicine physicians or psychiatric CNP- waivered
  + Intake
  + Prescribe medications
  + Monitor comorbid medical and mental health complications
* Peer Support Worker (Recovery Coach or SUN)
  + Individual and group peer support services
  + Screen for social determinants of health and connects patients with community resources
  + CCSS
  + Emergency Dept calls
* LADAC or SW
  + Supervises Peer Support Worker
  + Emergency Dept calls
  + Individual or group therapy
  + ASAM assessment
  + Referrals to long term care or other OP care
* RN
  + Urinalysis
  + Blood draw
  + Observation and assessment of withdrawal condition
  + Medication administration
  + Nursing assessment/evaluation for behavioral health (may be prolonged in crisis)

**Recovery Coach (CPSW) gets called to ED (Also known as SUN-Substance Use Navigator)**

In the ED

Meets with patient; gets “buy-in”

Sets up follow up to Bridge clinic or elsewhere, and arranges them getting there

Gives them Naloxone

Gives them a phone # to call

Clinician fills buprenorphine prescription

(Parts taken from Brigham Health: Brigham and Women’s Hospital)

# **Bridge Clinic Billing**

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| **Payer** | **Provider** | **Code** | **Description** | **Reimbursement** |
| Medicaid | MD or CNP waivered | H0033 | Oral med administration & direct observation for buprenorphine (1st dose) | $388.50 |
| Medicaid | MD or CNP | 99202 - 99205 | E & M - outpatient, new patient | $67.46 - $184.83 |
| Medicaid | MD or CNP | 90839 | Psychotherapy for crisis (first 60 min) | $127.47 |
| Medicaid | MD or CNP | 90840 | Psychotherapy for crisis (ea additional 30) | $61.12 |
| Medicaid | MD or CNP | 99281 - 99285 | If called to the ED: code used is dependent on level of service provided and billed by the clinic as a MD visit in the ED |  |
| Medicaid | RN | G0493 | Skilled services of RN for observation and assessment of the patient’s condition | $21.18/15 min (max units- 40) |
| Medicaid | RN | H2010 | Comprehensive med service (administration, monitoring & education) | $38.85/15 min (max 4 units) |
| Medicaid | RN | T1001 | Nursing assessment evaluation for BH (If service is prolonged in crisis may be billed multiple 30 min increments) | $56.46 |
| Medicaid | RN | 36415 | Routine venipuncture (blood draw) | $2.82 |
| Medicaid | RN | G0444 | Other BH screening (COWS or DAST-10) | $16.36 |
| Medicaid | SW or LADAC | H2011 U2 | Crisis intervention in clinic (f2f) | $32.69/15 min (max 40 units) |
| Medicaid | SW or CPSW | H0049 | SBIRT: alcohol & drug screening | $34.96/service |
| Medicaid | SW or CPSW | H0050 | SBIRT: brief intervention | $69.93/15 min (must be BH practitioner) |
| Medicaid | SW or CPSW | H0002 | ASAM Assessment | $168.35 |
| Medicaid | CPSW | H0038 | Individual peer support | $15.54/15 min |
| Medicaid | SW or CPSW | When called to the ED, bill screening, assessment or peer support and bill as OP services by Bridge Clinic | | |
| Medicare |  | G0396 | Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention 15 - 30 min | $29.42 |
| Medicare |  | G0397 | Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured screening and brief intervention greater than 30 min | $57.69 |
| **For Clinics that have ongoing support** | | | | |
| Medicaid | CPSW | H2015 HM | Comprehensive Community Support Services | $19.66/15 min (max units 16) |
| Medicaid | CPSW | H2015 HM CG | Comprehensive Community Support Services - in community | $23.58/15 min (max units 16) |
| Medicaid | SW | H2015 HO | Comprehensive Community Support Services | $27.02/15 min (max units 16) |
| Medicaid | SW | H2015 HO CG | Comprehensive Community Support Services - in community | $32.42/15 min (max units 16) |
| Medicaid | SW or LADAC | 90832 - | Therapy - 30 min (max 2 units) | $61.12 |
| Medicaid | SW or LADAC | 90834 | Therapy - 45 min (max units - 2) | $81.44 |
| Medicaid | SW or LADAC | 90837 | Therapy - 60 min (max units - 1) | $122.36 |
| Medicaid | SW or LADAC | 90853 | Group therapy | $28.15 ea patient |

**SUN as part of ED Staff**

**Cannot bill SUN services - quantity of service can influence level of facility CPT**

Pre-visit:

* patient calls SUN because has # from previous visit
* Sun directs to a clinic or ED
* Advises not to use any opioids prior to visit
* Meets in lobby when he arrives
* Co-ordinates re-dosing ED visit if needed

ED lobby/waiting room

* Initial brief assessment
* If needed, advocates for patient to not be left for a prolonged period in withdrawal in waiting room
* Begins anticipating needs, e.g. insurance, MSW, food, shelter, transportation

Admitting desk/triage

* SUN/triage partnership
* Anyone on ED care team can trigger a SUN consultation (all substances)
* SUN screens for withdrawal, OD, intoxication, abscesses, med refill (bupe) for patients they know

(SUN has access to tracking board)

Treatment area

* SUN consultation either pre or post clinician exam
* Motivational interview
* Explains treatment options. COWs score
* Naloxone/ syringes
* Reports to treating clinician
* Coordinates with MSW
* Charts consult note

Discharge

* Troubleshoots insurance, pharmacy, MAT appointments
* Team up with MSW for other needs including referrals
* Fills out GPRA
* Follows up with patient via phone and/or text
* Coaching, appointment reminders
* Patient has SUN contact info - SUN is available for ongoing re-engagement assistance

Taken from CA Bridge webinar

Suggested ED Facility Billing Levels influenced by Peer Support (in blue)

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| 99281 | Uncomplicated: no medications or treatments; RX refill only; asymptomatic; wound check |
| 99282 | Above plus screen for withdrawal |
| 99283 | Above plus peer support (consultation), referral options |
| 99284 | Above plus motivational interview, COWS score, naloxone training, GPRA, troubleshooting insurance, pharmacy, MAT appointment, discharge planning |
| 99285 | Not a higher level of influence |