

## Billing Guide for Tobacco Screening Services Screening, Intervention, and Counseling for Small Practices

Under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, all children enrolled in Medicaid in the U.S. Virgin Islands are provided with comprehensive coverage for Tobacco services like screening patients for tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure, encouraging patients and families to stop smoking, and provide cessation resources. This is only a sample of outpatient codes, which can be used for counseling patients or guardians. Billers should contact private insurance companies to find reimbursement rates for the following codes.

Description	CPT/ICD- 10 Codes
<b>Outpatient- Physical Evaluation &amp; Management Services</b>	
Office or other outpatient visit, <b>new patient</b> ; self-limited or minor problem, 10 min	99201
low to moderate severity problem, 20 min	99202
moderate severity problem, 30 min	99203
moderate to high severity problem, 45 min	99204
high severity problem, 60 min	99205
Office or other outpatient visit, <b>established patient</b> ; minimal problem, 10 min	99211
low to moderate severity problem, 20 min	99212
moderate severity problem, 30 min	99213
moderate to high severity problem, 45 min	99214
high severity problem, 60 min	99215
<b>Outpatient- Counseling</b>	
Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes	99406
Intensive, greater than 10 minutes	99407
Administration and interpretation of health risk assessment instruments	99420

In most circumstances, codes **99406** and **99407** can be reported only under the patient who is smoking or using tobacco. They are not to be reported under your patient when the parent or guardian is counseled on smoking cessation or tobacco use. One way to obtain payment when the parent or guardian smokes, and is being counseled by the pediatrician is to report the **E/M service** (e.g., 99201-99215) using time as the key factor. Use as many diagnosis codes that apply to document the patient's complexity and report symptoms. This includes additional codes (not included here) for asthma, substance abuse, and mental health disorders etc. Use Z codes to report reason for encounter.

Diagnosis names	Codes
Nicotine dependence, unspecified, uncomplicated	F17.200
Nicotine dependence, unspecified, in remission	F17.201
Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, uncomplicated	F17.210
Nicotine dependence, cigarettes, in remission	F17.211
Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, uncomplicated	F17.220
Nicotine dependence, chewing tobacco, in remission	F17.221
Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, uncomplicated	F17.290
Nicotine dependence, other tobacco product, in remission	F17.291
Toxic effect of chewing tobacco, accidental (unintentional)	T65.211A
Toxic effect of chewing tobacco, intentional self-harm	T65.212A
Toxic effect of chewing tobacco, assault	T65.213A
Toxic effect of chewing tobacco, undetermined	T65.214A
Toxic effect of tobacco cigarettes, accidental (unintentional)	T65.221A
Toxic effect of tobacco cigarettes, intentional self-harm	T65.222A
Toxic effect of tobacco cigarettes, assault	T65.223A
Toxic effect of tobacco cigarettes, undetermined	T65.224A
Toxic effect of other tobacco and nicotine, accidental (unintentional)	T65.291A
Toxic effect of other tobacco and nicotine, intentional self-harm	T65.292A
Toxic effect of other tobacco and nicotine, assault	T65.293A
Toxic effect of other tobacco and nicotine, undetermined	T65.294A
Toxic effect of other tobacco and nicotine, undetermined	T87.891



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Personal history of nicotine dependence

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