



NOWS Group Counseling Sessions

Health First Colorado covers group and individual counseling sessions for SUDs. While the subject matter specifically being discussed is NOWS, this can reasonably take place within an “SUD Group Counseling” session.

Billing:

- Billable in one hour increments, between 1-3 hours daily
- Health First Colorado code: H0005
- Modified: HF

Substance Use Disorder Procedure Code Table

| Service | Code | Unit | Unit amount/frequency | Modifier required | RAE Covered |
|---|-------|---------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Alcohol/drug assessment | H0001 | Untimed | 1 unit per day | HF | Yes |
| Individual/family counseling and therapy | H0004 | 15 minute | 8 units per day | HF | Yes |
| Group counseling and therapy | H0005 | One (1) hour | 3 units per day | HF | Yes |
| Targeted case management | H0006 | 15 minute | 4 units per day | HF | Yes |
| Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management | H0010 | Full per-diem | 1 unit maximum per day | HF | Yes |
| Alcohol/drug screening counseling | S9445 | Untimed | 1 unit per day | HF | Yes |
| Medication Assisted Treatment: administration, acquisition, and dispensing of Methadone | H0020 | Untimed | 1 unit per day | HF | Yes |

Group therapy refers to therapeutic substance use disorder counseling and treatment services, administered through groups of people who have similar needs, such as progression of disease, stage of recovery, and readiness for change.

1. Group therapy must include more than one patient.
2. A session of group therapy may last up to three hours and is billed in units of one hour each (e.g., a three-hour group session would consist of three units).
3. A unit of service may be billed separately for each client participating in the group therapy session.

For more information, please visit: [Health First Colorado](#)