ABC Code Structure

ABC codes consist of five-character, alphabetic strings that identify services, remedies, and/or supplies. Codes are followed by two-character code modifiers which identify the practitioner type who delivered the care.

Example:

The following description illustrates the coding hierarchy of ABC code NAAGN - Pain management and/or control initial 60 minutes. Managing and/or controlling a patient’s pain levels. For additional time, use NAAGO. Service is billed in 60-minute increments.

The hierarchal meaning of the first three letters of each ABC code is shown in the following code tree:

The code tree groups similar services, remedies, and/or supplies into meaningful sections, subsections and headings. For example, Labor and delivery is located in Section C (Practice specialties), Subsection E (Reproductive and/or childbirth services), Heading C (Labor and delivery). Applicable codes therefore would be found in the “CEC”

A - Clinical practice management

A - Client evaluation  
A - New client in-office with ICD diagnosis  
B - Existing client in-office with ICD diagnosis  
C - New client home-visit with ICD diagnosis  
D - Existing client home-visit with ICD diagnosis  
E - New client in-facility with ICD diagnosis  
F - Existing client in-facility with ICD diagnosis

B - Client health maintenance

A - New client wellness visit with or without ICD diagnosis  
B - Existing client wellness visit with or without ICD diagnosis

C - Client assessment

A - New client in-office without ICD diagnosis  
B - Existing client in-office without ICD diagnosis  
C - Remote location new client without ICD diagnosis  
D - Remote location existing client without ICD diagnosis  
E - New client in-office with nursing diagnosis  
F - Existing client in-office with nursing diagnosis  
G - New client home-visit with nursing diagnosis
H - Existing client home-visit with nursing diagnosis
I - New patient in-facility with nursing diagnosis
J - Existing patient in-facility with nursing diagnosis
K - New client in-facility with or without ICD diagnosis
L - Existing client in-facility with or without ICD diagnosis

D - General service and referral codes
A - Consultations between practitioners with or without ICD diagnosis
B - Extended services with or without ICD diagnosis
C - Phone conversations with or without ICD diagnosis
D - Analysis and/or documentation services with or without ICD diagnosis
X - Recommendation and/or prescription services with or without ICD diagnosis
Y - Adjunct care orders and/or referrals with or without ICD diagnosis
Z - Preparing and/or dispensing and/or training services with or without ICD diagnosis

H - Reference mapping
A - Tracking code use with or without ICD diagnosis

B - Multiple specialties
A - Physical modalities
   A - Cold
   B - Electrical or magnetic
   C - Heat
   D - Water
   E - Light
   F - Mechanical
   G - Sound
B - Movement modalities
   A - Activity or exercise
   B - Joint mobilization
   C - Traction
   E - Aquatic activity
C - Rehabilitation and training modalities
   A - Rehabilitative treatments and/or training
   B - Work conditioning
   C - Ergonomics
   D - Taping services
D - Physical test and/or measurement modalities
   A - Miscellaneous tests and/or measurements
   B - Body composition testing
   C - Electronic muscle testing
   D - Manual muscle testing
   E - Physical performance testing
   F - Range-of-motion tests and/or measurements
E - Allergy services
   B - Allergy treatments
F - Nutrition services
   A - Nutrition education
   B - Nutrition management

C - Practice specialties
A - Oriental medicine services
   B - General Oriental procedures
   C - Oriental modalities
   D - Oriental therapies
   E - Oriental anesthesiа
B - Somatic and/or massage practices
   A - Body-mind
   B - Bodywork
   C - Energy work
   E - Massage
   G - Oriental massage
   H - Somatic education
C - Chiropractic services
   A - Spinal adjustments
   B - Nonspinal adjustments
   C - Miscellaneous chiropractic services
D - Mental health services
   A - Mental health counseling
   B - Mental health testing and/or interpretation
   C - Hypnotherapy and/or meditation
   D – Psychotherapy
E - Reproductive and/or childbirth Services
   A - Miscellaneous reproductive services
   B - Prenatal
   C - Labor and delivery
   D - Postpartum
   E - Newborn
   F - Family planning and/or genetic counseling
   G - Reproductive system exams and/or treatments
F - Naturopathic services
   A - Osseous manipulations
   B - Visceral manipulations
   C - Miscellaneous naturopathy
G - Osteopathic services
   A - Miscellaneous osteopathy
H - Indigenous healing practices
   A - Ayurvedic medicine
   B - Native American healing
   C - Curandera
   D - Shamanism
I - Spiritual care services
   A - Christian Science care
   B - Spiritual nursing care
   C - Multidenominational care
J - Other specialty services
   A - Naprapathic manipulations
   B - Parenting education and/or skills training
   C - Public health services

D - Laboratory and/or office procedures
   A - Heart and vascular services
   F - Other Miscellaneous heart or vascular services
   B - Neurological services
   B - Nerve conduction
   D - Substance administration services
   A - Miscellaneous substance administration
   B - Injections
   C - Substance administration management
E - Laboratory services
   A - General blood analysis
   B - Mineral analysis
   C - Nutritional analysis
   D - Metabolic analysis
   E - Blood vitamin analysis
   F - Saliva analysis
   G - Stool analysis
   I - Urinalysis
   J - General laboratory tests
   L - Chemical screening
   M - Male-specific tests
   O - Female-specific tests
   P – Allergy tests
   Z - Specimen collection
F - Radiology services
   A - Computer-enhanced radiology

H - Miscellaneous laboratory and/or office procedures and services
   A – Spectroscopy
   C – Thermography

E - Physical resources
   A - Materials and/or supplies
   A - Miscellaneous materials and/or supplies
   B - Applicants
A - Miscellaneous applicants
C - Solutions
   A - Allergen solutions B - Miscellaneous solutions

G - Herbs and natural substances
   A - Oriental herbs and natural substances
      A to Z - Oriental herbs and natural substances letter A - Z
   B - Western herbs and natural substances
      A to Z - Western herbs and natural substances letter A - Z
   C - Miscellaneous substances
      A - Flower essences
      B - Nutraceuticals
      C - Essential oils

H - Remedies
   A - Homeopathic remedies
      A to Z - Homeopathic remedies letter A - Z

N - Nursing
   A - Nursing interventions
      A - Common nursing interventions
      B - Common nursing interventions II
   B - Nursing-facilitated education
      A - Patient education and/or counseling
      C - Speech therapy