



PROVIDER ALERT

CANS Assessments

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Alert Summary:

Bachelor's Level paraprofessionals who are CANS certified can complete the CANS assessments effective immediately. Mileage reimbursement for CANS is effective Immediately.

Dear Provider,

As a response to Member and Provider feedback and workforce development, effective immediately, the requirement that the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment needs to be completed by a CANS certified Master's Level Clinician is being revised to allow a CANS certified Bachelor's Level paraprofessional in a human services field to complete the CANS assessments. Per the Praed Foundation, CANS certified Bachelor's degreed individuals can complete the CANS, however, may need to refer some more difficult applications to a CANS certified Master's Level Clinician. Best practice when completing the CANS initial, annual and 90-day updates is to align with other behavioral health appointments to better assist members, especially if a member is receiving multiple behavioral health services. Please coordinate with the member's other behavioral health providers in order to not duplicate CANS assessments for the member.

The Bachelor's Level paraprofessionals will follow the same protocol that Master's Level Clinicians currently follow as stated below for billing the CANS.

To bill and be reimbursed for the CANS, Providers must use the ICANS platform. To register for the ICANS platform, Providers are required to sign and submit an Agency Agreement, Authorized User Agreement for each staff, and attend ICANS System training. For more information about this requirement, please navigate to <https://icans.dhw.idaho.gov>. For help with this process, you may contact the Division of Behavioral Health's Automation Help Desk at (208) 332-7316 or submit a ticket via email at icanshelpdesk@dhw.idaho.gov.

CANS certified Master's Level Clinicians are able to complete the CANS assessments utilizing Telehealth services. Per the Provider Manual the CANS assessments cannot be completed telephonically.

To become CANS certified or for additional guidance on CANS application, please visit www.praedfoundation.org.

Fee Schedule Update—Effective Immediately

Effective Immediately both CANS certified Master's Level Clinicians and CANS certified Bachelor's Level paraprofessionals can be reimbursed for mileage when completing the CANS assessment whether initial, update or annual in the Member's home. Best practice is to only claim the mileage code one time if providing multiple CANS assessments to different household Members during one trip.

Please see the table below for a summary of the updates to the fee schedule effective immediately.

Code	Description	Rate
T2002	Transportation and mileage reimbursement only available in conjunction with the following services: 90847, 90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838, T1017 and H0031.	\$20.00

If you have any questions, please contact your Regional Network Manager.