

## CMEP Service Options, Descriptions, Requirements and CPT Code Options

Service Option	Description	Requirements	CPT Code Options*
Child Medical Evaluation (CME)	A medical evaluation where service is provided by a qualified physician, nurse practitioner (NP) or physician assistant (PA) rostered with the North Carolina Child Medical Evaluation Program (CMEP). A CME is provided at the request of child welfare services, when they are completing an active assessment due to concerns for child maltreatment.	<p>Must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorized by county DSS or DCDEE</li> <li>• Referred during an active assessment of child maltreatment</li> <li>• Conducted by an actively rostered CMEP provider</li> </ul> <p>Documentation must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reason for referral</li> <li>• Interview w/DSS or DCDEE worker</li> <li>• Interview with non-offending caregiver</li> <li>• A physical exam of the child</li> <li>• Any related phone calls</li> <li>• A review of outside health records</li> <li>• An impression and summary, along with recommendations and treatment plan for the child</li> <li>• Laboratory testing and radiological studies</li> <li>• Interview with the child, if older than 3 years</li> </ul>	99499
Labs/Diagnostic Studies	Radiological and laboratory studies for the purposes of evaluating the extent of suspected maltreatment and assess the circumstances of abuse and neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performed within the context of a CME</li> <li>• Services for the purposes of medical treatment are not covered</li> <li>• It is the provider's responsibility to ensure that CMEP receives third party claims for diagnostic testing. When entering into an agreement with a lab testing facility, the provider must make the lab aware of CMEP reimbursement requirements.</li> </ul>	n/a
Diagnostic Interview	An interview in which a health or mental health professional explores a patient's presenting problem, current situation, and background, with the aim of formulating a diagnosis and prognosis as well as developing a treatment program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also referred to as Forensic Interview or Multi-Disciplinary Exam</li> <li>• Collaboration of multiple disciplines in the medical assessment process</li> <li>• Performed within the context of a CME to inform medical diagnosis</li> <li>• Documentation must reflect utilization of professional services</li> <li>• Medicaid may have different reimbursement criteria than CMEP</li> </ul>	90791
Medical Team Conference	A service provided by an interdisciplinary team of health care professionals, who work with health professionals or community agency representatives to coordinate care when there is suspected child maltreatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also referred to as Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) Meeting</li> <li>• Must occur after a CME</li> <li>• Fee covers the arrangement and participation in the conference</li> <li>• 30 minutes or more</li> </ul>	99367 **Per NC Medicaid, ALL providers should use this CPT code. PA/NP can be reimbursed for this physician service.**

\*Any of these CPT code options may be used for non-Medicaid CMEP billing. For the most current list of services and schedule of rates for Medicaid billing, refer to the Medicaid and Health Choice Clinical Coverage Policy No. 1A-5 at <https://files.nc.gov/ncdma/documents/files/1A-5.pdf>, and <https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/fee-schedule-index>.