

Incident To Billing Requirements

Acceptable to bill Incident to services if the supervisor is credentialed with the carrier	Supervision Requirements
Optum- United Health Medicare Advantage and Commercial	General
Aetna- Commercial and Medicare Advantage	General
Cigna- Commercial	Direct
Cigna – Medicare Advantage	General
Medicare	General

Incident to NOT allowed, some carrier's may allow LM's to be credentialed with them and perform evaluations and initiate treatment plans. LM must be credentialed with the carrier.	
CareFirst BCBS	

Supervision Types:

- ***Direct supervision:** the Medicare billing provider must be present in the office suite (but not necessarily in the room) and immediately available to furnish assistance and direction throughout the performance of the encounter.*
- ***General supervision:** the service is furnished under the Medicare billing provider's overall direction and control, but the Medicare Billing provider's presence is not required during the performance of the service or immediately available in the office suite. Includes a virtual presence using telecommunications technology, audio-only telephone, text messaging.*

Auxiliary Personal:

Providers that are not credentialed with Medicare. But are licensed with the state to practice within their scope of practice as a counselor.

- LCP: Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
- LGPC: Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor
- LBSW: Licensed Bachelor Social Worker
- LMSW: Licensed Masters Social Worker