



Psychological testing and Neuropsychological Testing Updates 2021

Background or summary of change: Effective <12/01/2021> providers will be able to obtain up to 6 hours of psychological testing or neuropsychological testing for members without prior authorization.

What is the impact of the change?

Effective <12/01/2021> members can get up to 6 hours of testing per provider per calendar year. Requests over 6 hours will be reviewed for medical necessity by a specialized psychological testing team. The 6-hours may be applied as follows, not to exceed a total of 10 unit or 6 hours.

The hours below will pass through claims edits with no review required:

- Three hours of test evaluation services (60-minute codes):
 - 96130 (1 unit) and 96131 (1-2 units) — (not to exceed three units)
 - or**
 - 96132 (1 unit) and 96133 (1-2 units) — (not to exceed three units)
- Three hours of test administration and scoring (30-minute codes):
 - 96136 **and/or** 96138 — 1 unit (not to exceed two units)
 - 96137 **and/or** 96139 — 1-5 units (not to exceed five units)

Description of testing codes:

New code	Description	Time duration
96130	Psychological Testing by Physician/QHP	1 hour
96131	Psychological Testing by Physician/QHP — add-on	1 hour
96132	Neuropsychological Testing by Physician/QHP	1 hour
96133	Neuropsychological Testing by Physician/QHP — add-on	1 hour
96136	Psychological/Neuropsych test admin by Physician/QHP	30 minutes
96137	Psychological/Neuropsych test admin by Physician/QHP — add-on	30 minutes
96138	Psychological/Neuropsych test admin by Technician	30 minutes
96139	Psychological/Neuropsych test admin by Technician — add-on	30 minutes

What if I need help?

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