

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## The IHCP to cover psychological and neuropsychological testing by midlevel practitioners

Effective for dates of service on or after August 18, 2010, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) will provide reimbursement for psychological and neuropsychological testing when rendered by a midlevel practitioner under the direct supervision of a physician or health service provider in psychology (HSPP), as outlined in 405 IAC 5-20-8. These services require prior authorization (PA).

### *Psychological and neuropsychological testing CPT<sup>®1</sup> codes*

CPT Code	Description	Prior Authorization	Reimbursement Rate
96102	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI and WAIS), with qualified health care professional interpretation and report, administered by technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face	Yes	\$18.57 per unit
96119	Neuropsychological testing (e.g., Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), with qualified health care professional interpretation and report, administered by technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face	Yes	\$23.00 per unit

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The IHCP will not reimburse CPT code 96101 – *Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report* when billed for the same test or services performed under psychological testing code 96102. Similarly, CPT code 96118 – *Neuropsychological testing (e.g., Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report* will not be reimbursed when billed for the same test or services performed under neuropsychological testing code 96119.

Please note: When requesting PA, the provider must have a list of the tests or services to differentiate procedure code 96101 from 96102, and also procedure code 96118 from 96119.

Providers who have received PA for their services but received denials for service dates on or after August 18, 2010, may resubmit their claims.

For claims beyond the one-year filing limit, providers must attach a copy of this bulletin to each claim for proper processing.

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