Getting Reimbursed: **Testing Code** Changes **Are Here**

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Objectives

- Describe the new testing codes and definitions
- Walk through how to crosswalk from the old codes to the new ones
- Apply the new codes using practical examples
- Ask the experts questions you may have as you prepare for the transition



New Testing Code Structure: Base Code for Testing Evaluation Services



Preliminary Test Selection Record Review Call to ascertain referral Q



Interpretation of Tests
Integration
Clinical Decision Making
Diagnosis and Tx Planning
Creation of Report
Interactive Feedback

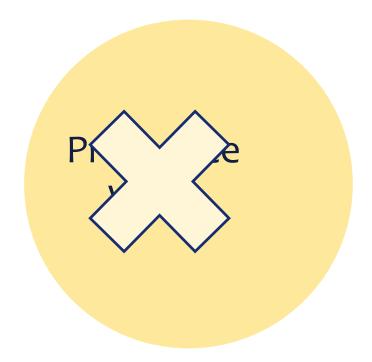


Transcription of Report Report Distribution Arrangement of Referrals



New Testing Code Structure: Add-On Code

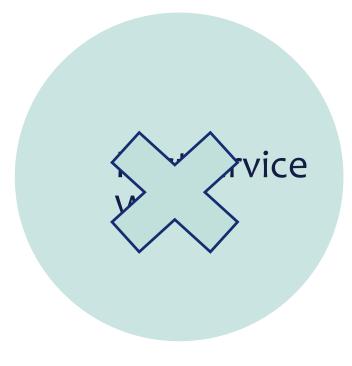
*Note that Code Value Has to Drop



N/A



Interpretation of Tests
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Clinical Decision Making
Diagnosis and Tx Planning
Creation of Report
Interactive Feedback



N/A



New Testing Code Structure

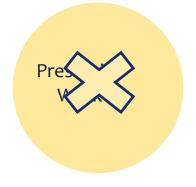
BASE CODE (Used Once)



Intraservice Work

Postservice Work

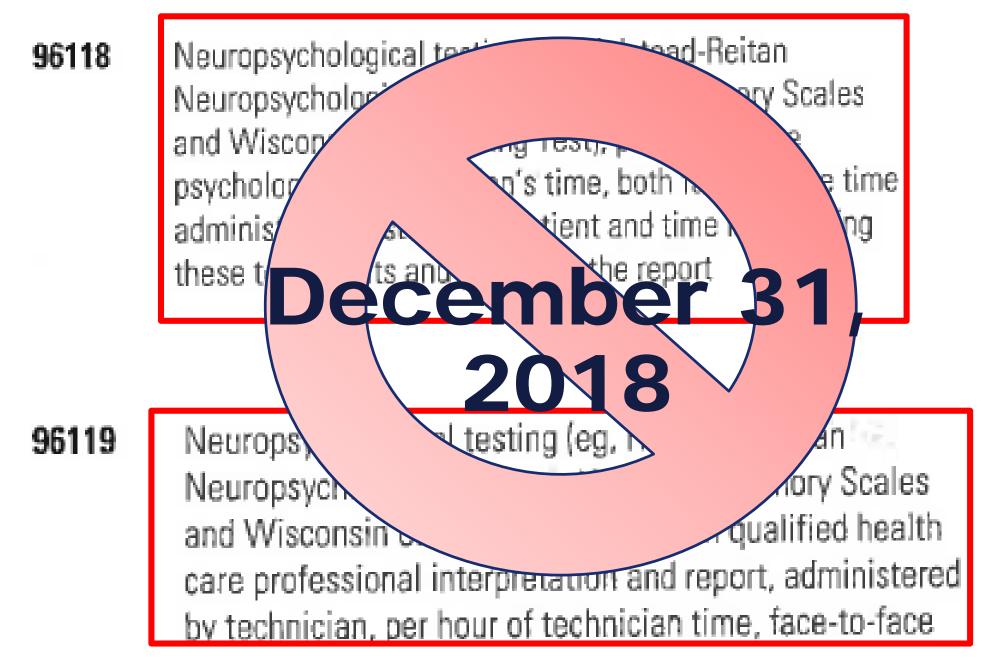
ADD-ON CODE (Possibly used multiple times)



Intraservice Work









New Testing Code Family

Thirteen new CPT codes that describe developmental/behavioral screening and testing services and psychological and neuropsychological testing services.

Psychological/	Neuropsychological Testing		
Neurobehavio	ral Status Exam		
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgement, eg, acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report first hour		
+ 96121	each additiona (hour)(List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
Test Evaluation	n Services		
96130	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed, first hour		
+ 96131	each additiona hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed, first hour		
+ 96133	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
Test Administr	ration and Scoring		
96136	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care two or more tests any method, first 30 minutes		
+ 96137	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
96138	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes		
+ 96139	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		

CPT Time Rule

For time-based codes, the CPT code set states that the following standards shall apply to time measurement:

A unit of time is attained when the mid-point is passed.

This means:

- ■A minimum of 16 minutes must be provided for 30-minute codes (Two 30-minute units can be billed when 46 minutes of service is provided)
- ■A minimum of 31 minutes must be provided for 60-minute codes (A second hour is attained when a total of 91 minutes)



CPT Time Rule – Example

- When performing a neurobehavioral exam, the first hour of service is billed with CPT® code 96116.
- However, if the service is not complete, the neuropsychologist must perform at least an additional 31 minutes of work to bill the first unit of the add-on code 96121.

These rules apply to all time-based codes in the new code set; however, it is important to pay close attention to the units of time stated in each code descriptor as they vary from 30 minutes to 1 hour.



Psychological Testing Services

Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation

90791

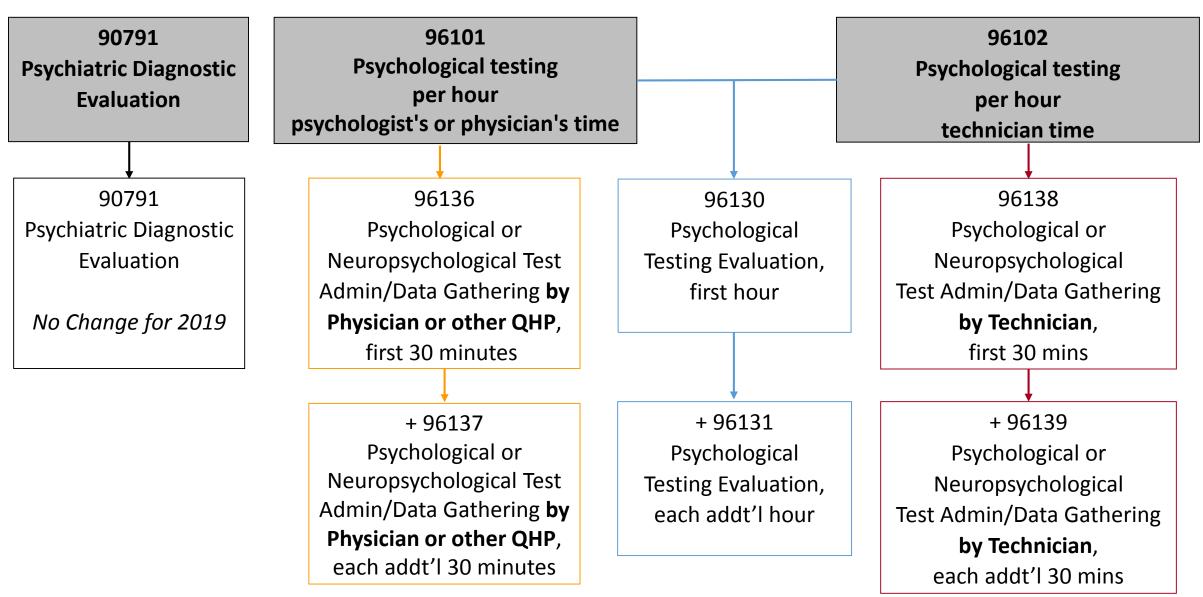
Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation

Please note that no changes have been made to CPT® code 90791.

This service includes a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation of psychological and psychosocial conditions and is performed prior to psychological evaluation and test administration and scoring services.



Existing vs. 2019 Psychological Testing Codes



Psychological Testing Evaluation Services

Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or 96130 other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour each additional hour (List separately in addition to code **+**96131 for primary procedure)



Test Administration & Scoring By Qualified Healthcare Professional

96136	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes	
+ 96137	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	





<u>B</u> y	Psychological Testing By Psychologist or Physician		Psychological Testing Evaluation Services <u>By Professional</u>		
2018 CPT® Code 2018 CPT® Descriptor		2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor		
	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	96130*	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour		
96101		96131*	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
		Test Administration and Scoring <u>By Professional</u>			
		96136**	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes		
		96137**	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		



Psychological Testing & Scoring By Technician

96138	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes
+ 96139	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)





	Psychological Testing By Psychologist or Physician 2018 CPT® Code 2018 CPT® Descriptor		Psychological Testing Evaluation Services <u>By Professional</u>		
			2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor	
		Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g.,	96130*	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour	
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		both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and	Test Administration and Scoring <u>By Technician</u>		
		preparing the report	96138	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes	
			96139	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	



Typical Scenario:

Pediatric ADHD Assessment

(1 Diagnostic Interview + 3 hours of psychologist testing + 3 hours of professional services)

- Diagnostic Interview 90791 (1 unit)
- Test Administration/Data Gathering By Psychologist
 - First 30 minutes96136 (Base Code; 1 unit)
 - Each additional 30 minutes
 96137 (Add-on; 5 units)
- Psychological Testing Evaluation (Professional) Services
 - Hour 1 96130 (Base Code; 1 unit)
 - Hours 2 & 3
 96131 (Add-on; 2 units)



Typical Scenario:

Adult Pain Assessment

(1 Diagnostic Interview + 3 hours of psychologist testing + 3 hours of professional services)

- Diagnostic Interview 90791 (1 unit)
- Test Administration/Data Gathering By Psychologist
 - First 30 minutes 96136 (Base Code; 1 unit)
 - Each additional 30 minutes 96137 (Add-on; 5 units)
- Psychological Testing Evaluation (Professional) Services
 - Hour 1
 96130 (Base Code; 1 unit)
 - Hours 2 & 3
 96131 (Add-on; 2 units)



Neuropsychological Testing Services

Neurobehavioral Status Exam

96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgement, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; first hour
+ 96121	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

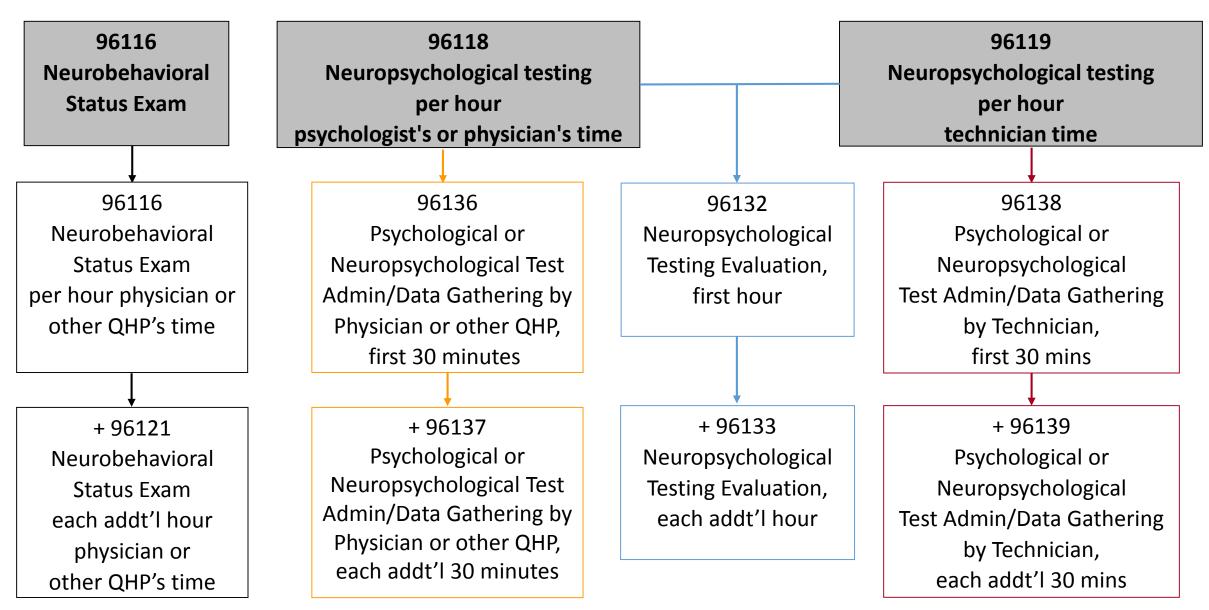




	Neurobehavioral Status Exam						
2018 CPT® Code	CPT® 2018 CPT® Descriptor 2019 CPT® Code 2019 CPT® Descriptor		2019 CPT® Descriptor				
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report	96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgement, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; first hour				
	results and preparing the report	96121	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)				



Existing vs. 2019 Neuropsychological Testing Codes



Neuropsychological Testing Evaluation Services

96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour
+ 96133	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



Use the Testing Evaluation Services Add-On Code (96133) for "Interactive Feedback"

Interactive feedback: used to convey the implications of psychological or neuropsychological test findings and diagnostic formulation. Based on patient-specific cognitive and emotional strengths and weaknesses, interactive feedback may include promoting adherence to medical and/or psychological treatment plans; educating and engaging the patient about his or her condition to maximize patient collaboration in their care; addressing safety issues; facilitating psychological coping; coordinating care; and engaging the patient in planning given the expected course of illness or condition, when performed.



Central Nervous System Assessments/Tests (eg, Neuro-Cognitive, Mental Status, Speech Testing) Tables

Psychol	Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing						
		Cognitive Services		Test Administration/Scoring		Interpretation and Report or Automated Result	
Code	Unit	Evaluation	Feedback	Physician or Qualified Health Care Professional	Technician	J	Automated Result
Testing	Evaluation Services						
96130	Per hour	Х	Х	Not included in Code	Not included in Code	Х	
+ 96131	Per hour (add-on)	X	X	Not included in Code	Not included in Code	X	
96132	Per hour	X	X	Not included in Code	Not included in Code	X	
+ 96133	Per hour (add-on)	X	X	Not included in Code	Not included in Code	X	



Test Administration & Scoring By Qualified Healthcare Professional

96136	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes	
+ 96137	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	



Neuropsychological
Testing & Scoring and
Evaluation Services
by Professional
Crosswalk

Neuropsychological Testing By Psychologist or Physicia			ical Testing Evaluation Services By Professional		
2018 CPT® Code	2018 CPT® Descriptor	2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor		
	Neuropsychological testing (eg, 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	96132*	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour		
96118		96133*	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
		Test Administration and Scoring <u>By Professional</u>			
	interpreting these test results and preparing the report	96136**	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes		
		96137**	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
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Neuropsychological Testing & Scoring By Technician

96138	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes	
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Neuropsychological
Testing & Scoring
by Technician and
Evaluation Services
by Professional
Crosswalk

Technician Administered Neuropsychological Testing		Neuropsychological Testing Evaluation Services <u>By Professional</u>			
2018 CPT® Code	2018 CPT® Descriptor	2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor		
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	96132*	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour		
		96133*	each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		
		Test Administration and Scoring <u>by Technician</u>			
		96138**	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes		
		96139**	each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) 30		



Typical Case:

Differential Diagnosis of Memory Loss/Early Alzheimer's Disease
(2 hours NSE + 4 hours of psychologist testing + 2 hours of professional services)

Clinical Interview/Neurobehavioral Status Examination (NSE)

Hour 1 96116 (Base Code; 1 unit)

Each additional hour96121 (Add-on; 1 unit)

Test Administration/Data Gathering <u>Psychologist</u>

First 30 minutes 96136 (Base Code; 1 unit)

Each additional 30 minutes 96137 (Add-on; 7 units)

Neuropsychological Testing Evaluation (Professional) Services

Hour 1 96132 (Base Code; 1 unit)

Hour 2
 96133 (Add-on; 1 unit)



Clinical Example:

A 46-year-old male with a history of coronary artery disease and recent myocardial infarction with reported symptoms of memory loss, anxiety, and depression

(1 hour Neurobehavioral Status Examination + 4 hours of technician administered neuropsychological assessment + 2 hours of professional services)

Clinical Interview/Neurobehavioral Status Examination

Hour 1 96116 (Base Code; 1 unit)

Data Gathering By <u>Technician</u>

First 30 minutes96138

Each additional 30 minutes
 96139 (Add-on; 7units)

Testing Evaluation Services By QHP

Hour 1 96132 (Base Code; 1 unit)

Hour 2
 96133 (Add-on; 1 unit)



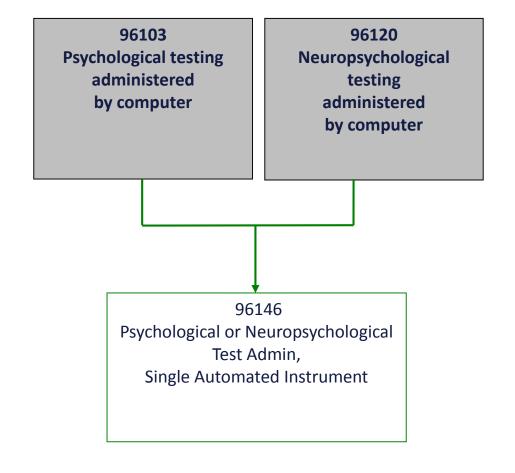
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		Cognitive Services		Test Administration/Scoring		Interpretation and Report or Automated Result					
Code	Unit		Feedback	Physician or Qualified Health Care Professional			Automated Result				
Test Administration & Scoring											
96136	Per 30 min	Not included in Code	Not included in Code	х		Not included in Code	Not included in Code				
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96138	Per 30 min	Not included in Code	Not included in Code		1 X	Not included in Code	Not included in Code				
- 06120	Per 30 min (add-on)	Not included in Code	Not included in Code		x	Not included in Code	Not included in Code				



Single Psychological or Neuropsychological Automated Testing & Result

Existing vs. 2019 Automated Test via Electronic Platform





Automated Testing and Result

96146

Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, with single automated instrument via electronic platform, with automated result only



Crosswalk for 2019 Computerized Test CPT® Codes

Psychological & Neuropsychological Testing By Computer		Single Psychological or Neuropsychological Automated Test with Automated Result		
2018 CPT® Code	2018 CPT® Descriptor	2019 CPT® Code	2019 CPT® Descriptor	
96103	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI), administered by a computer, with qualified health care professional interpretation and report	96146	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, with single automated instrument via electronic platform, with automated result only	
96120	Neuropsychological testing (e.g., Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), administered by a computer, with qualified health care professional interpretation and report			



Clinical Example (96146):

A 70-year-old female presents with a history of failing memory. Her physician arranges for the administration of a single automated cognitive test handed to her by the clinical staff.

Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, with single automated instrument via electronic platform, with automated result only

■ 1 Unit

96146



Central Nervous System Assessments/Tests (eg, Neuro-Cognitive, Mental Status, Speech Testing) Tables

Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing										
		Cognitive Services		Test Administration/Scoring		Interpretation and Report or Automated Result				
Code	Unit	Evaluation	Feedback	Physician or Qualified Health Care Professional			Automated Result			
Test Administration & Scoring										
96146	Automated report(s)		Not included in Code				X			



How to Use the Testing Codes

- Providing Services
- Documentation
- Billing

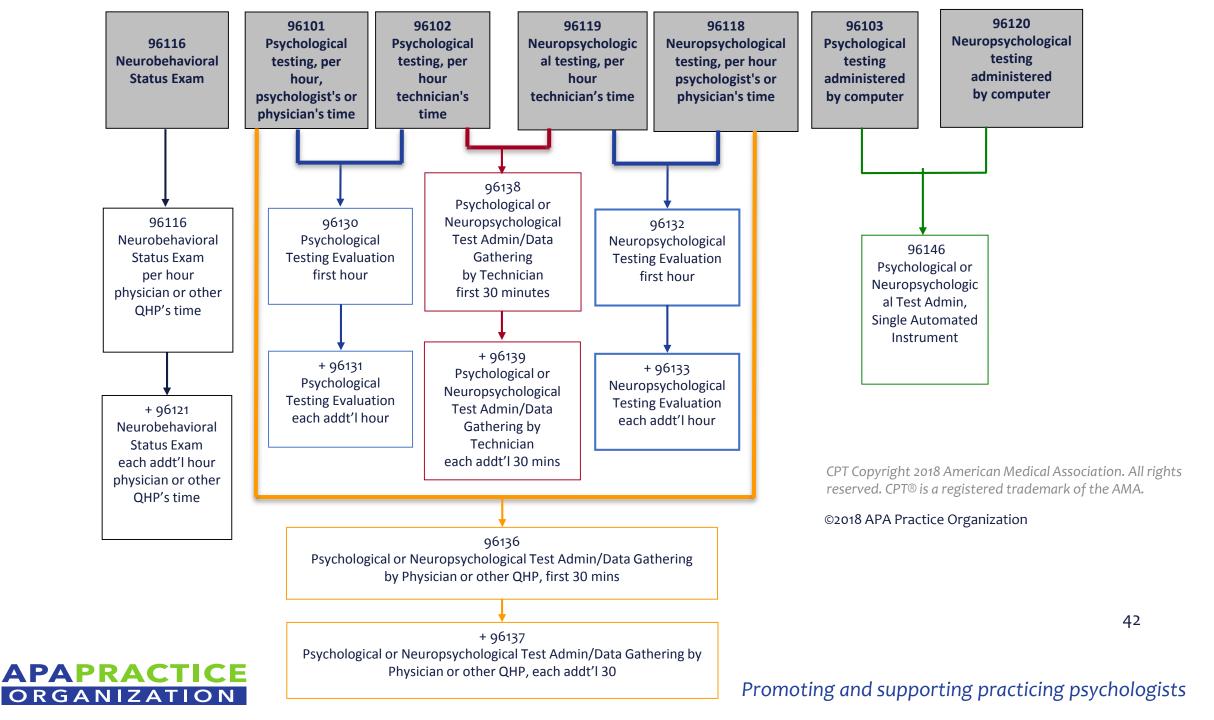


Questions & Answers









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- Up-to-Code: Testing code changes on the horizonhttp://www.apapracticecentral.org/update/2018/05-03/testing-code-changes.aspx
- Reimbursing for services- http://www.apapracticecentral.org/update/2018/04-19/cms-rulemaking-process.aspx
- Up to code: Your money matters- http://www.apapracticecentral.org/update/2018/02-08/money-matters.aspx
- Up to code: What's a RUC survey?- http://www.apapracticecentral.org/update/2017/05-04/ruc-survey.aspx



Upcoming Resources

- APA will continue to update the Reimbursement section of Practice Central to include information on the RVUs and payment structure, case examples, recommendations on how to document your work, and will publish related articles in our twice-monthly newsletter, Practice Update.
- Webinar on Dec. 5th at 12pm: Dr. Puente and Dr. Pliskin will discuss the new code values and payment structure as well as how to document your work. Registration for this webinar opens Nov. 1.
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