Getting reimbursed: Continued preparation for January’s testing code changes
Objectives

- Review the new testing codes and definitions
- Walk through how to crosswalk from the old codes to the new ones
- Introduce the new RVUs and payment structure
- Apply the new codes using practical examples
- Discuss how to document your work
- Address “frequently asked questions”

Preservice Work
- Preliminary Test Selection
- Record Review
- Call to ascertain referral Q

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

Postservice Work
- Transcription of Report
- Report Distribution
- Arrangement of Referrals
New Testing Code Structure

BASE CODE
(Used Once)

Preservice Work

Intraservice Work

Postservice Work

ADD-ON CODE
(Possibly used multiple times)

Preservice Work

Intraservice Work

Postservice Work
# New Testing Code Family

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

## Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing

### Neurobehavioral 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 additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

## Test Evaluation 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 additional 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.
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## Test Administration and Scoring

- **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)

- **96138** Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes.
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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

90791
Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation

No Change for 2019

90791
Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation

96101
Psychological testing per hour psychologist's or physician's time

96136
Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin/Data Gathering by Physician or other QHP, first 30 minutes

+ 96137
Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin/Data Gathering by Physician or other QHP, each add't'l 30 minutes

96130
Psychological Testing Evaluation, first hour

+ 96131
Psychological Testing Evaluation, each add't'l hour

96102
Psychological testing per hour technician time

96138
Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin/Data Gathering by Technician, first 30 mins

+ 96139
Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin/Data Gathering by Technician, each add't'l 30 mins

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- **96116** Neurobehavioral Status Exam
- **96116** Neurobehavioral Status Exam per hour physician or other QHP’s time
- **96118** Neuropsychological testing per hour psychologist's or physician's time
- **96119** Neuropsychological testing per hour technician time
- **96136** Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin/Data Gathering by Physician or other QHP, first 30 minutes
- **96132** Neuropsychological Testing Evaluation, first hour
- **96138** Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin/Data Gathering by Technician, first 30 mins
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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 & maximum of 30 minutes must be provided for 30-minute codes (Two 30-minute units can be billed when 46-60 minutes of service is provided)

- A minimum of 31 minutes & maximum of 60 minutes must be provided for 60-minute codes (Two 60-minute units can be billed when 91-120 minutes of service is provided)
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 in one hour, the first unit of the add-on code 96121 may be used if the neuropsychologist performs at least an additional 31 minutes of work.

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.
Single Psychological or Neuropsychological Automated Testing & Result
Existing vs. 2019 Automated Test via Electronic Platform

- 96103 Psychological testing administered by computer
- 96120 Neuropsychological testing administered by computer
- 96146 Psychological or Neuropsychological Test Admin, Single Automated Instrument
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

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Clinical Decision Making = Cognitive Work

- Physicians highly attuned to capturing and quantifying the cognitive work that goes into medical and clinical decision making.
- This is work we take for granted but occurs throughout the evaluation process.
- The ability to accurately and appropriately document our cognitive work will be important for psychologists in the new testing code structure.
The Psychologist Engages in Clinical Decision Making

- The psychologist determines how the patient is responding throughout the psychological and neuropsychological testing process.

- Examples of intra-session clinical decision making:
  - Level of functioning
  - Level of impairment
  - Nature of symptoms
  - Emotional/behavioral response
  - Level of literacy
  - Level of language proficiency and/or acculturation
  - Isn’t providing valid data
  - Requires higher level or more nuanced tests for accurate diagnosis

**This Is especially important to document when using technicians**
Documenting Your Work
Coding and Documentation

- It is recommended that Testing Evaluation Services (96130-96133) and Test Administration and Scoring services (96136-96139) be documented in a table within the report.

- We suggest listing dates and total times for each activity (including scoring and clinical decision making), as well as a separate log sheet detailing start/stop times in the clinical chart.
Coding and Documentation

- When a service is spread out over multiple visits, it is recommended that all codes be listed by date/service and billed together on the last date of service when the evaluation process is completed.

- A base code should only be submitted for the first unit of service of the evaluation process, and only add-on codes be used to capture the services provided during subsequent days of service.

- Bill separate interactive feedback session using an add-on code (either 96131 or 96133)
## One Way to Document Clinical Decision Making

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Transparency and comprehensiveness in documentation is the key!
2019 Non-Facility RVUs and Payment Structure
Three (3) Components of a Total Relative Value Unit (RVU)

\[
\text{Total RVU} = \text{Cognitive Work RVU} + \text{Practice Expense RVU} + \text{Professional Liability Insurance RVU}
\]

The Total RVUs are then multiplied by a geographic price index.
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2019 Psychological & Neuropsychological Testing CPT® Codes & Total RVUs, cont.
How to Use the 2019 Non-Facility RVUs

- The Conversion Factor will vary by geographic location.
- 2019 Conversion Factor is approximately $36.0391.
- To determine the specific dollar amount per unit of a particular code, multiply the Total Non-Facility RVU value by the Conversion Factor.
- Ex. for 1 hour of 96116, 2.70 x $36.0391 = $97.31.
A note about Medicare’s Facility Fee Reduction

- As part of a trend since 2015, CMS is reducing valuations for facility-based services, especially in hospitals, across all disciplines. This decision is unrelated to APA’s CPT/RUC effort and it is not meant to target psychological/neuropsychological testing services.

- Since many psychologists and technicians are salaried employees at hospitals and facilities, this is not a direct payment reduction. Rather, it’s a reduction to the fees paid directly to the facilities to cover overhead charges and administrative costs.

- If this situation applies to you and you’d like additional information, please contact the APA Practice Organization.
Applying the New Codes Using Practical Examples
### Clinical Example 1: Pediatric ADHD Assessment

*Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview + 3 hours of psychologist testing + 3 hours of professional evaluation services*

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- **Diagnostic Interview**

- **Test Administration/Data Gathering By Psychologist**
  - First 30 minutes: 96136 (Base Code; 1 unit@ 1.33) 1.33
  - Each additional 30 min: 96137 (Add-on; 5 units@ 1.23) 6.15

- **Psychological Testing Evaluation (Professional) Services**
  - Hour 1: 96130 (Base Code; 1 unit@ 3.30) 3.30
  - Hours 2 & 3: 96131 (Add-on; 2 units@ 2.51) 5.02

*Total RVUs: 19.69*

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Clinical Example 2:
Adult with major depression and psychotic features
*Diagnostic Interview + 3 hours of technician testing + 3 hours of professional evaluation services*

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Clinical Example 3: MDD+ Psychosis Evaluation with Combined QHP and Technician-Administered Assessment: *Diagnostic Interview + 2 hours of technician testing + 2 hours of psychologist administered testing + 2 hours of professional evaluation services*

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Clinical Example 4: Differential Diagnosis of Memory Loss/Early Alzheimer’s Disease

2 hours NSE + 4 hours of neuropsychologist testing + 2 hours of professional evaluation services

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**Clinical Example 5:**
Differential Diagnosis of Memory Loss/Early Alzheimer’s Disease

*2 hour NSE+ 4 hours of technician testing + 2 hours of professional evaluation services*

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Clinical Example 6:  
Differential Diagnosis of Memory Loss/Early Alzheimer’s Disease

2 hour NSE+ 2 hours of technician testing + 2 hours of neuropsychologist testing + 2 hours of professional evaluation services

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Total RVUs                                        | 20.9    |
Clinical Example 7:
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.

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[No physician work, just practice expense]
[Use of two or more tests requires Testing Evaluation Services]
Frequently Asked Questions
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- In order to use the Testing Evaluation Services codes (96130-96133), must the psychologist first perform Test Administration and Scoring services (96136-96139)?

- What about the scenario where you complete the testing but can't meet with the family for feedback for a few weeks?

- If I use 96133 for 31 minutes and then on another day do a “cognitive work activity” (i.e. test evaluation services) do I add it to the first 96133 or is this a separate 96133?

- Can interactive feedback be conducted over the phone or are the codes for face-to-face use only?
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- How should we handle testing cases that are being scheduled or are already scheduled for the end of 2018?
- What if we administer only one test? What if it has many subtests like the Wechsler Intelligence scales?
- For 96146, do you bill this code twice if you give more than 1 automated test?
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- APA Practice Organization: [www.apapracticecentral.org](http://www.apapracticecentral.org)
  Click on Reimbursement in the top menu.

Recent articles on this topic

- Up-to-Code article providing guidance on how to use the new codes: https://www.apapracticecentral.org/reimbursement/testing-codes/changes


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