



# Quality Assurance Bulletin

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## PROCEDURE CODE CHANGES FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL & NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

Major changes to psychological testing and neuropsychological testing Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) procedure codes went into effect on January 1, 2019. These changes have been incorporated within the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) and are effective for all claims with a date of service of January 1, 2019 or later. Services with a date of service prior to January 1, 2019 should be submitted with the 2018 procedure codes. All providers may now submit claims or write progress notes (for Directly Operated providers using IBHIS) using the new procedure codes. See below for a list of modifications to the psychological and neuropsychological testing procedure codes.

*NOTE: The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) will not utilize the “add-on” procedure codes for psychological and neuropsychological testing due to the nature of how Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) Medical is claimed. All claims should continue to be claimed by indicating the exact number of minutes the service took.*

New Code Effective 1/1/19	Description
96112	Developmental Testing: administered by licensed or waived PhD/PsyD, doctoral psychology students w/co-signature, or trained MD/DO
96130	Psychological Testing Evaluation Services: interpretation, clinical decision making, report writing, feedback to client, family member(s), caregiver(s) by licensed or waived PhD/PsyD, doctoral psychology students w/co-signature, or trained MD/DO (does not include administration or scoring)
96132	Neuropsychological Testing Evaluation Services: interpretation, clinical decision making, report writing, feedback to client, family member(s), caregiver(s) by licensed or waived PhD/PsyD, doctoral psychology students w/co-signature, or trained MD/DO (does not include administration or scoring)
96136	Psychological or Neuropsychological Testing: administration and scoring by licensed or waived PhD/PsyD, doctoral psychology students w/co-signature, or trained MD/DO

Inactive Code Effective 1/1/19	Description
96101	Psych Testing, FTF admin./interpret./report writing by licensed PhD/PsyD or trained MD/DO
96102	Psych Testing, FTF admin/interpret./report writing by Qualified Health Care Professional (QHCP)
96103	Psych Testing, admin. by computer/interpret./report writing by QHCP
96111	Developmental Testing, extended, interpret./report writing by licensed PhD/PsyD, trained MD/DO, or QHCP
96118	Neuropsych Testing, FTF admin/interpret./report writing by licensed PhD/PsyD or trained MD/DO
96119	Neuropsych Testing, FTF admin/interpret./report writing by QHCP
96120	Neuropsych Testing, admin. by computer/ interpret./report writing by QHCP

Refer to the updated [Guide to Procedure Codes Manual](#) for a complete list of psychological and neuropsychological testing procedure codes on the DMH Internet.

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