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## **Developmental and Psychological Testing Billing Guidance UPDATE – Effective 7/1/19**

This is an update to previous guidance sent out in May 2019. The APG weight changes described below are effective July 1, 2019 and the 3M APG Grouper Pricer has been updated.

This guidance is in reference to recent changes to the American Medical Association (AMA), Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual for 2019 that affect OMH-licensed clinic providers who provide Developmental and Psychological Testing services.

The procedure code changes below went into effect January 1, 2019; however, the APG weights associated with these services have been changed and are effective July 1, 2019. We have also added two additional procedure codes for Psychological Testing that are now available (96136 & 96137), detailed below.

### **DEVELOPMENTAL TESTING**

Developmental testing code, used by OMH licensed clinics, 96111, has been deleted. It has been replaced with two codes:

- 96112 (**weight of .8275**)– Developmental test administration (including assessment of fine and/or gross motor, language, cognitive level, social, memory and/or executive functions by standardized developmental instruments when performed), by physician or other qualified health care professional, with interpretation and report; **first hour**
- 96113 (**weight of .4598**)– Each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). **NOTE: There is a reimbursement limit of 1.**

***Example: Developmental Testing service of 1.5 hours will require 2 lines on the claim. 96112 (1 unit) for the first hour, and 96113 (1 unit) for the additional 30 minutes.***

### **PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING**

Psychological testing code, used by OMH licensed clinics, 96101 has been deleted. It has been replaced with four codes:

#### **Test Administration and Scoring**

- 96136 (**weight of .8275**) – Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by a physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method; **first 30 minutes**



- 96137 (weight of .4598) – each additional 30 minutes. **NOTE: There is a reimbursement limit of 1.**

### **Testing Evaluation Services**

- 96130 (weight of .4598) – 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, clinic decision making, treatment planning and report, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; **first hour**.
- 96131 (weight of 0) – This code will no longer be reimbursed by Medicaid fee-for-service. **This is a change from the May guidance.**

***Example: Psychological Testing, consisting of one hour of test administration and scoring as well as one hour of testing evaluation (2 hours in total) will require 3 lines on the claim. 96136 (1 unit), 96137 (1 unit) and 96130 (1 unit).***

### **Neurobehavioral Status Examination**

Psychological testing code, used by OMH licensed clinics, 96116, was revised by changing from **a per test code, to an hourly code**. A new add-on code for additional hours related to 96116 was added, 96121:

- 96116 (weight of 1.2413) – Neurobehavioral status examination (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, [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 (weight of .4598) – each additional hour (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure). **NOTE: There is a reimbursement limit of 1.**

***Example: Neurobehavioral status examination of 2 hours will require 2 lines on the claim. 96116 (1 unit) for the first hour, and 96121 (1 unit) for the additional hour.***

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