

## Coding and Payment Reference for Psychological Tests

For reporting and billing purposes, the below outlines possible CPT codes that may be utilized in conjunction with psychosocial assessment services:

CPT code <sup>1</sup>	Description	Average Medicare Payment <sup>2</sup>	Comments
	<b>Medicine/Central Nervous System Assessments/Tests</b>		
96101	<p>Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, MMPI®, Rorschach®, WAIS®), per hour of psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing a report</p> <p>&gt;(96101 is used in those circumstances when additional time is necessary to integrate other sources of data, including previously completed and reported technician- and computer-administered tests)&lt;</p> <p>&gt;(Do not report 96101 for the interpretation and report of 96102, 96103)&lt;</p>	\$83.41 (per hour)	<p>CPT code 96101 cannot be billed together with CPT code 96102 or 96103 for the performance and/or interpretation of the same test(s).</p> <p><b>Time</b> For 96101 &amp; 96102, use modifier -52 to indicate reduced services if initial time is 30 minutes or less.</p> <p>If time beyond the first hour is 31 minutes or more, round up to the next hour. If time is &lt; than 30 minutes, that time cannot be billed.</p> <p><b>Medical Necessity</b> ICD-9 codes must be used to support medical necessity.</p>
96102	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS) with qualified healthcare professional interpretation and report, administered by a technician, per hour of technician time, face-to-face	\$50.66 (per hour)	
96103	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, MMPI) administered by a computer, with qualified health care professional interpretation and report	\$39.23 (flat rate)	

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For more detailed information, refer to the *Coding for Psychological Assessments documents*, located electronically at: <http://psychcorp.pearsonassessments.com/pai/ca/psych/resources/InsuranceReimbursement.htm>

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