

July 1, 2009

Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Psychologist, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

Psychological Testing Reimbursement Change

Effective July 1, 2009

July 1, 2009, the Department will implement annual changes to update the reimbursement rates for psychologists and licensed clinical professional counselors (LCPCs) using the Resource Based Relative Value System (RBRVS). This year their reimbursement rates will increase on the average of 2 percent, per legislative appropriation.

The Department is moving toward using national standard weights or RVUs for psychological testing procedures that have been paid an enhanced rate by fee schedule in the past. This will result in significant rate reductions for psychological testing in the following CPT codes: 96101, 96118, 96119 and 96120. The AH modifier used in SFY 2009 to receive the enhanced rate with these procedure codes will no longer be used. However, the funding is being reallocated to other services in this provider group to assure that overall funding for mental health services is increased. These funds are reallocated and result in a rate increase of over 6 percent in seven of the top eight services provided by psychologists and LCPCs in SFY 2009. These top eight services made up 91 percent of the services provided in SFY 2009, and the provider budget.

Ranging Per Utilization	Proc	Description	Office Fee 01/09	Units	Office Fee FY 010	%
1	90806	Psytx, off, 45-50 min	\$53.76	81242	57.50	6.93%
2	90847	Family psytx w/patient	\$65.15	16861	69.84	7.20%
3	90801	Psy dx interview	\$89.85	10555	97.26	8.25%
4	90812	Intac psytx, off, 45-50 min	\$58.33	5472	62.42	7.00%
5	90853	Group psychotherapy	\$18.44	13883	19.82	7.48%
6	90846	Family psytx w/o patient	\$52.38	4561	56.36	7.57%
7	90804	Psytx, office, 20-30 min	\$37.80	4840	40.73	7.77%
8	96118	Neuropsych tst by psych/phys	\$147.80	2685	67.78	-54.13%
9	96119	Neuropsych testing by tec	\$83.07	1579	43.62	-47.50%
10	96101	Psycho testing by psych/phys	\$74.60	1423	54.78	-26.58%
11	96116	Neurobehaviorial status exam	\$84.39	765	60.60	-28.19%
28	96102	Psycho testing by technician	\$38.75	17	31.00	-20.02%
29	96120	Neuropsych tst admin w/comp	\$69.50	12	40.85	-41.22%
30	96103	Psycho testing admin by comp	\$30.45	8	28.12	-7.68%

Contact Information

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