



**Connecticut Department of Social Services  
Medical Assistance Program  
Provider Bulletin**

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**TO: Freestanding Mental Health Clinics and Independent Practitioners**

**SUBJECT: Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership Modification of Psychological Testing Class of Services**

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify freestanding mental health clinics and independent practitioners that provide psychological or neuropsychological testing under the Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership (CTBHP) that the classes of Psychological Testing services have been modified to include coverage of an initial evaluation. Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 90801 (*Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination*) has been added to the testing service classes. This change is being implemented because the Department recognizes that most psychological testing referrals begin with an evaluation interview by the psychologist to determine the appropriateness of the referral and the test instrument(s) to be used. This change should reduce the administrative burden on providers by eliminating the need to obtain a separate registration for outpatient services for the initial evaluation in addition to obtaining authorization for the testing services.

**Effective for psychological testing services that occur on or after July 1, 2007, the date span and units approved on new authorizations for psychological testing will encompass the initial evaluation.** Providers must submit the request for authorization within three (3) weeks of the date of the initial evaluation, but prior to conducting the psychological testing. Providers are reminded that current Medicaid policy limits billing for a diagnostic interview to one per year per client per billing provider. The testing authorization should be requested, even if the client is not scheduled for testing, if the provider wishes to receive reimbursement for the evaluation. Web registration must not be used for this purpose.

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