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TO: Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), Physician Assistants, Psychologists, Outpatient Hospital, Behavioral Health Clinics, Rehabilitation Clinics and Enhanced Care Clinics

RE: 2019 Fee Schedule HIPAA Compliant Update for Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing

This policy transmittal supersedes provider bulletin (PB) 2018-83 and provides updated billing guidelines regarding psychological testing, neurobehavioral status examinations, and neuropsychological testing and evaluation services. This bulletin applies to the following fee schedules: Physicians, Psychologists, Outpatient Hospital Behavioral Health Clinics, Behavioral Health Clinics, Rehabilitation Clinics and Enhanced Care Clinics. **Please Note:** Rates have been corrected for the fee schedules listed above.

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2019 and forward, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has incorporated the 2019 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) changes (deletions, additions and replacement codes). DSS has made these changes to ensure the fee schedules remain compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2019 and forward, providers must use the following new Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes referenced below, when submitting claims.

96101	96131	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other QHP, each additional hour
	96136	Psychological or neuropsychological test admin & scoring by physician or other QHP, 2 or more tests, any method, 1st 30 minutes
	96137	Psychological or neuropsychological test admin & scoring by physician or other QHP, 2 or more tests, any method, each additional 30 minutes

End Dated Code	New Procedure Code Replacement	
96116-Revised	96116	Neurobehavioral status examination (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning, and judgment), physician or other QHP, interpreting test results & preparing report, first hour
	96121	Neurobehavioral status examination (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning, and judgment, by physician or other QHP test results &

End Dated Code	New Procedure Code Replacement	
	96130	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other Qualified Health Professional (QHP) first hour

		preparing report, each additional hour
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96137-TF- Psychological or **neuropsychological** test admin & scoring by physician or other QHP, 2 or more tests, any method, **each additional 30 minutes**.

End Dated Code	New Procedure Code Replacement	
96118 Please Note: TF Modifier is for neuropsychological test administration only.	96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other QHP, first hour
	96133	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other QHP, each additional hour
	96136 -TF	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other QHP, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes
	96137 - TF	Psychological or neuropsychological test admin & scoring by physician or other QHP, 2 or more tests, any method, each additional 30 minutes

Accessing the Fee Schedules:

The updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded from the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the appropriate fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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Provider Authorization Questions: Please contact Beacon Health Options at 1-877-552-8247.

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Please Note: Providers should follow the (CPT) guidelines for all the above codes.

TF Modifier:

TF – Modifier is to be used when administering Neuropsychological Testing only.

96136-TF - Psychological or **neuropsychological** test administration and scoring by physician or other QHP, two or more tests, any method, **first 30 minutes**.

Responsible Unit:

DSS, Division of Health Services, Integrated Care Unit

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