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This Bulletin presents revisions to psychological testing codes in order to ensure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"). The coding changes are consistent with the American Medical Association's CPT changes effective January 1, 2006. The following three codes will be deleted (96100, 96117, 96115) but each will be replaced according to the table below. The rate for each new code will correspond to the rate for the old code.

Old	Old Description	New	New Description
Code	-	Code	-
96100	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of	96101	Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities,
	personality, psychopathology,		personality and psychopathology, e.g. MMPI,
	emotionality, intellectual abilities		Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's
	(e.g. WAIS-R, Rorschach, MMPI)		or physician's time, both face-to-face time with
	with interpretation and report, per		patient and time interpreting test results and
	hour		preparing report
96117	Neuropsychological testing battery	96118	Neuropsychological testing (e.g. Halstead-Reitan
	(e.g. Halstead-Reitan, Luria, WAIS-		Neuropsychological Battery, Weschler Memory
	R) with interpretation and report, per		Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour
	hour		of the psychologist's or physician's time, both
			face-to-face time with patient and time interpreting
			test results and preparing the report
96115	Neurobehavioral Status Exam	96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment
	(clinical assessment of thinking,		of thinking, reasoning and judgment, e.g., acquired
	reasoning and judgment, e.g.		knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning
	acquired knowledge, attention,		and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities),
	memory, visual spatial abilities,		per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time,
	language functions, planning) with		both face-to-face time with the patient and time
	interpretation and report, per hour		interpreting test results and preparing the report.