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TRANSMITTAL LETTER PSY-21
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TO: Psychologists Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Beth Waldman, Medicaid Director *BW*
RE: *Psychologist Manual* (Revised Service Codes and Descriptions)

This letter transmits revisions to the service codes and descriptions in the *Psychologist Manual*. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have revised the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) for 2006. The revised Subchapter 6 is effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2006.

If you wish to obtain a fee schedule, you may purchase Division of Health Care Finance and Policy regulations from either the Massachusetts State Bookstore or directly from the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (see addresses and telephone numbers below). You must contact them first to find out the price of the regulation. The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy also has the regulations available on disk and on their website. The regulation title is 114.3 CMR 29.00: Psychological Services.

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Changes to Service Codes and Descriptions

Service Codes **96100** and **96117** have been deleted from the 2006 CPT. Effective January 1, 2006, providers must bill using the replacement service codes below:

- 96101 Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, e.g., MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report
- 96118 Neuropsychological testing (e.g., Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report

Obsolete Appendix

This transmittal letter also removes Appendix D, which is obsolete.

MassHealth Web Site

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Questions

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NEW MATERIAL

(The pages listed here contain new or revised language.)

Pages 6-1 and 6-2

OBSOLETE MATERIAL

(The pages listed here are no longer in effect.)

Pages 6-1 and 6-2 — transmitted by Transmittal Letter PSY-20

Appendix D — transmitted by Transmittal Letter PSY-18

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