



Transmittal Letter PSY-27

DATE: April 2025
TO: Psychologists Participating in MassHealth
FROM: Lee Robinson, Associate Chief for Behavioral Health
RE: Updates to the Subchapter 6 of the *Psychologist Manual*

Summary

This letter transmits revisions to service codes in the Subchapter 6 of the *Psychologist Manual*. The rate regulation for psychologist services is 101 CMR 329: *Rates for Psychological and Independent Clinical Social Work Services* (to be renamed *Rates for Psychological and Licensed Behavioral Health Clinician Services*), effective April 25, 2025.

A letter transmitting revisions to 130 CMR 411: *Psychologist Services*, effective April 1, 2025, is available at mass.gov/masshealth-transmittal-letters.

Subchapter 6 of the *Psychologist Manual*

Effective for service dates beginning April 25, 2025, the following codes and modifiers have been deleted, modified, or added to the list of codes and modifiers in the Subchapter 6 of the *Psychologist Manual*.

Added

96112 96113
90846 90849

Modified

96130 96131
96132 96133
96136 96137
96138 96139
90853

Rates

Rates for psychologists participating in MassHealth are set by regulations by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services and available at mass.gov/service-details/cohhs-regulations.

The rate regulation for these codes is 101 CMR 329: *Rates for Psychological and Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker Services* (to be renamed *Rates for Psychological and Licensed Behavioral Health Clinician Services*), effective April 25, 2025.

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New Material

The pages listed here contain new or revised language.

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Obsolete Material

The pages listed here are no longer in effect.

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Service Codes and Descriptions

601 Psychological Testing

MassHealth pays for the services represented by the codes in Subchapter 6 in effect at the time of service, subject to all conditions and limitations in MassHealth regulations 130 CMR 411.000 and 130 CMR 450.000.

Service
Code

Service Description

Neurobehavioral Assessment Services by Professional

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| 96112 | Developmental test administration (including assessment of fine and/or gross motor, language, cognitive level, social, memory and/or executive functions by standardized developmental instruments when performed), by physician or other qualified health care professional, with interpretation and report; first hour. |
| 96113 | Each additional 30 minutes. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.) (Add-on code to 96112.) |
| 96116 | Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning, and judgment [e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities]) by physician or other qualified healthcare professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; first hour. |
| 96121 | Each additional hour. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.) (Add-on code to 96116.) |

Psychological Assessment Services by Professional

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| 96130 | Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified healthcare professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour. |
| 96131 | Each additional hour. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.) (Add-on code to 96130.) |

Neuropsychological Assessment Services by Professional

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| 96132 | Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified healthcare professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour. |
| 96133 | Each additional hour. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedures.) (Add-on code to 96132.) |

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Test Administration and Scoring by Professional

- 96136 Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified healthcare professional, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes.
- 96137 Each additional 30 minutes. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.) (Add-on code to 96136.)

Service
Code

Service Description

Test Administration and Scoring by Technician

- 96138 Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes.
- 96139 Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; each additional 30 minutes. (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure.) (Add-on code to 96138.)

Psychiatric Evaluation

- 90791 Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation. (Diagnostic services.)
- 90791 HA Psychiatric evaluation performed with a Children and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment.

Individual Therapy

- 90832 Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient. (Individual therapy.)
- 90834 Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient. (Individual therapy.)
- 90837 Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient. (Individual therapy.)

Couple/Family Therapy

- 90846 Family psychotherapy (without the patient present), 50 minutes.
- 90847 Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present), 50 minutes.
- 90849 Multiple-family group psychotherapy.

Group Therapy

- 90853 Group psychotherapy (other than multiple-family group). (Group therapy. Limited to 10 clients per group. Billed per client. 90 minutes.)

Case Consultation

- 90882 Environmental intervention for medical management purposes on a psychiatric patient's behalf with agencies, employers, or institutions.

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Family Consultation

90887 Interpretation or explanation of results of psychiatric or other medical examinations and procedures, or other accumulated data, to family or other responsible persons, or advising them on how to assist the patient (per one-half hour).

Modifier Modifier Description

-AH Clinical psychologist. (This modifier is to be applied to service codes billed by the mental health center that were performed by a doctoral level clinician, including PhD, PsyD, and EdD.)

-HA Service Code 90791 must be accompanied by this modifier to indicate that the CANS assessment is included in the psychiatric diagnostic interview examination. This modifier may be billed only by psychiatrists or psychiatric clinical nurse specialists.

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