

Daily Behavioral Health Commonly Asked Questions About Comprehensive Evaluations

What does a comprehensive evaluation include?

We evaluate your child's strengths and weaknesses to determine their diagnosis and best treatment options. Depending upon the type of evaluation requested (e.g., Autism, ADHD, Learning Disabilities, Anxiety/Depression, Giftedness), your child's comprehensive evaluations may include:

- Cognitive Ability
- Academic Achievement
- Behavioral and Social-Emotional Functioning
- Adaptive Behavior Scales
- ADHD Rating and Assessment Scales
- Autism Rating and Assessment Scales
- Child Observations and Interviews
- Parent and Teacher Interviews
- Review of Previous Records

Who conducts the evaluation?

All comprehensive diagnostic evaluations are conducted or supervised by a licensed psychologist.

How long will the evaluation take?

Evaluations typically take approximately eight hours of testing (spread out over sessions of one to two hours each). After the testing is complete, it usually takes an additional four to eight weeks to talk with your child's teacher (if consent is given), interpret the results, and write the report.

Will my insurance company pay for the evaluation?

Most insurance companies pay for the testing of comprehensive evaluations, although it is important for you to contact your specific carrier to confirm how many hours they cover. When talking with your carrier, ask specifically about how many hours of the CPT Code 96101 (a specific testing code) they will cover. If they only allow for six hours, please request an additional two hours (which may or may not be used). In the rare case that the testing is longer than the amount of hours allowed by your insurance, then you will be liable for each additional hour of testing at \$200.00 an hour. You will also be liable for all co-pays, which may occur for each hour of testing. Some hours of testing are billed without the patient present, which is to cover our time spent scoring and interpreting testing results and writing the report, which is typically six to ten pages long.

How and when will I receive the results?

After approximately four to eight weeks after testing, your doctor will set up a 45 minute feedback session to explain the results and recommendations in your child's report.

What if I have other questions?

If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to ask the doctor evaluating your child.