

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 Spectrum Disorder, AD/HD, Specific Learning Disorder, Anxiety/Depression, Giftedness), your child's comprehensive evaluations may include some of the following:

- Cognitive Ability
 - Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children V, Woodcock Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities IV, Stanford-Binet 5, as well as nonverbal cognitive tests, such as the Leiter 3)
- Academic Achievement
 - Woodcock Johnson Tests of Achievement IV, Wechsler Individual Achievement Test IV
- Behavioral and Social-Emotional Functioning
 - Behavior Assessment System for Children 3, Achenbach Child Behavior Checklist
- Adaptive Behavior Scales
 - Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales 3, Adaptive Behavior Assessment Scale 3
- ADHD Rating and Assessment Scales
 - Conners' Rating Scales 3, Behavior Rating Inventory of Executive Functioning 2
- Autism Rating and Assessment Scales
 - Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2, Childhood Autism Rating Scale 2, Gilliam Autism Rating Scale 3, Autism Diagnostic Interview-Revised, Social Responsiveness Scale 2
- Anxiety and Depression Scales
 - Multidimensional Anxiety Scale for Children 2, Revised Children's Manifest Anxiety Scale 2, Children's Depression Inventory 2
- 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 four to 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. 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.

What billing codes do you use for evaluations?

Each evaluation is different, so it will depend on the needs of your child. For diagnostic evaluation, we use CPT code 90791. Other codes we may use include the following:



2019 Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing CPT® Codes & Descriptions

CPT® Codes and Descriptors Effective January 1, 2019

CPT® Code #	Descriptor
Assessment of Aphasia and Cognitive Performance Testing	
96105	Assessment of aphasia (includes assessment of expressive and receptive speech and language function, language comprehension, speech production ability, reading, spelling, writing, e.g., by Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Examination) with interpretation and report, per hour
96125	Standardized cognitive performance testing (e.g., Ross Information Processing Assessment) per hour of a qualified health care professional's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report
Developmental/Behavioral Screening and Testing	
96110	Developmental screening (e.g., developmental milestone survey, speech and language delay screen), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument
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)
96127	Brief emotional/behavioral assessment (e.g., depression inventory, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder [ADHD] scale), with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument
Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing	
Neurobehavioral Status Exam	
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgement, e.g., acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), by physician or other qualified health care 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)
Test Evaluation Services	
96130	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care 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)
96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care 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 procedure)
Test Administration and Scoring	
96136	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes
+96137	Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
96138	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes
+96139	Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
Automated Testing and Result	
96146	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, with single automated instrument via electronic platform, with automated result only

*+ Indicates an Add-On Code to be reported with another code

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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 provider evaluating your child.