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## Clinical Neuropsychological Evaluation

### What is a Neuropsychological Evaluation?

A neuropsychological evaluation is a 2-4 hour examination of cognitive abilities, conducted by a licensed clinical neuropsychologist. Functions tested include retentive memory, reasoning, attention, visual perception and language, among others, to determine if there is a change from a prior level of ability and if there is evidence for neurological disease.

The evaluation will begin with an interview to obtain information about your current symptoms and previous medical history. It is recommended that you **bring someone to the appointment who knows you well and who can provide additional symptom and history information**. During the remaining portion of your evaluation, a series of oral and written tests will be administered. After you leave, these tests will be scored and a report of the findings will be generated and sent to your referring physician, as directed.

Reasons for ordering neuropsychological evaluation:

- Brain disease is suspected but not yet diagnosed
- Identification of cognitive changes associated with known brain disease, such as stroke, traumatic brain injury or other conditions include Alzheimer's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.

Goals of Neuropsychological evaluation:

- Identification of cognitive and behavioral deficits and strengths.
- Contributing to the diagnosis.
- Recommendations for treatment and support

### What should I do before my appointment?

Forward all pertinent medical records to the office (see address & fax info above) so your neuropsychologist has them prior to your appointment. This may include medical notes, **prior neuropsychology test reports and especially raw test scores**, school records (if applicable), and reports of any MRI, CT, PET or SPECT scans. **Please ask that your test scores from prior neuropsychological evaluations be sent to us before your appointment.**

### What should I bring to the appointment?

Bring along any eyeglasses, contact lenses and/or hearing aids if you normally use them. Please also bring your insurance cards, as well as your completed history questionnaire. You may continue to take all your regular medications on the day of the appointment.

### Neuropsychological Evaluation No Show/Late Cancellation Policy

If you cannot make your scheduled appointment time with us, we kindly ask that you give us at least 48 hours' notice when calling to cancel. We will reschedule new patients after the first missed appointment. If there are two (2) missed appointments within a rolling 12 month period, the patient could be terminated from the practice. To change or cancel your appointment, please call 312-695-9627 between 8am-5pm Mon-Fri; if we are unable to take your call, be sure to leave a message.

**IMPORTANT INSURANCE INFORMATION ON BACK**



**It is your responsibility to make sure that your insurance policy covers the cost of your neuropsychological evaluation.**

Coverage for the testing can differ from routine medical benefits as your insurance may consider the testing to be a mental health service, regardless of the reason for referral.



*If your primary insurance is not a traditional Medicare policy, we recommend contacting your commercial or Medicare Advantage insurance plan to verify your coverage for the testing as you may have an out of pocket responsibility.*

To verify coverage, refer to the backside of your insurance card for the customer service telephone number. Place a call to your insurance company and ask about your mental health coverage, as well as your coverage for neuropsych testing.

As a courtesy, we will call your insurance company to ask if they require precertification or prior authorization for these services. As needed, we will assist in precertification or prior authorization process.

**PRECERTIFICATION DOES NOT GUARANTEE COVERAGE.** Medicare does not require precertification or prior authorization for outpatient services.

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**How much does the neuropsychological evaluation cost?**

The evaluation (including review of medical records, clinical interview, test administration, scoring and interpretation of results, report generation & feedback) can range between \$1500 and \$3000, based on the number of hours your neuropsychologist requires to complete your evaluation. There is no way for the neuropsychologist to determine how many hours your evaluation will require prior to your appointment.

**Here are some tips that may be helpful when asking your insurance about your coverage:**

- Ask for your outpatient mental health coverage, as well as your coverage for neuropsych testing.
- The procedure codes used to bill for the visit are: 90791 Psych Interview, 96118 Neuropsych Testing by Provider, and 96119 Neuropsych Testing by Technician.
- Ask if there is a maximum amount paid per visit i.e. \$100 dollars per visit.

**Commonly used terms (for further explanation, ask your insurance company):**

- Coinsurance: the percent of the insurance approved amount that you have to pay after you pay your deductible, if one applies
- Deductible: the amount you must pay for health care before your insurance begins to pay.
- Insurance-Approved Amount: the amount the provider is paid by the insurance (and you) for the service. It may be less than the actual amount charged by the provider.

At the time of scheduling, you provided your current insurance information, as listed below. If your insurance should change prior to the visit, it is your responsibility to update our office with at least three weeks notice.

Primary Insurance:	Subscribers Name/DOB:
ID#	Group#
Secondary Insurance:	Subscribers Name/DOB:
ID#	Group#