

Reimbursement "Hacks" for Neuropsychologists: Tips and Tricks from the PAIC

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Today's Outline

- Maximizing Chances of Reimbursement
- PAIC update
- United Behavioral Health/Optum update
- Q & A



Maximizing Chances of Reimbursement

- Before
- During
- After
- Exceptional routes
- Creative routes



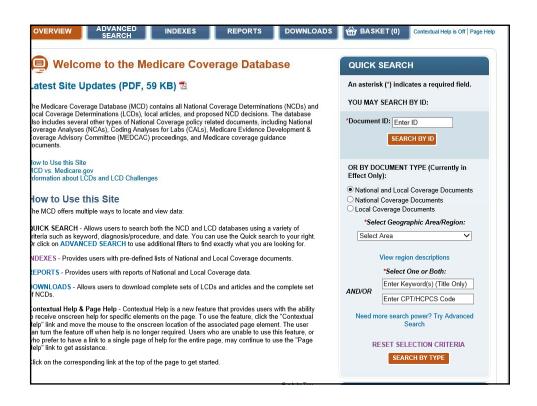
Before the Appointment

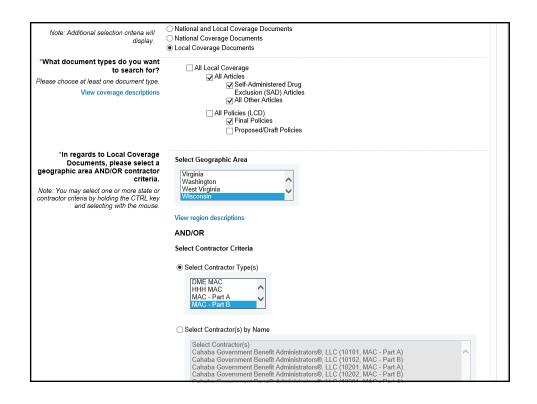
- Verify Insurance coverage
- Verify provider network status (in vs. OON)
- Verify that 96118 and diagnosis are covered services and if pre-auth is necessary
- Determine if the service will be medical or mental health
- Obtain co-pay and deductible information
- Check company NP policy documents to verify coverage

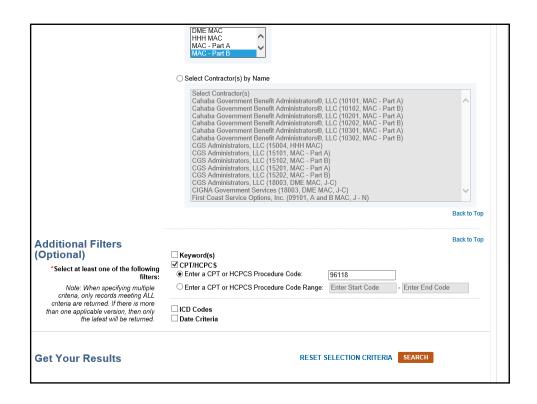


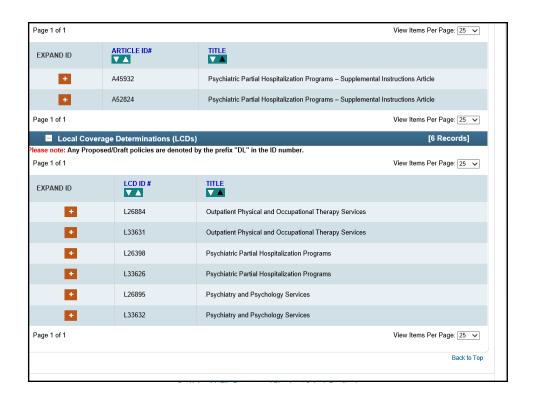
Sample NP policy documents

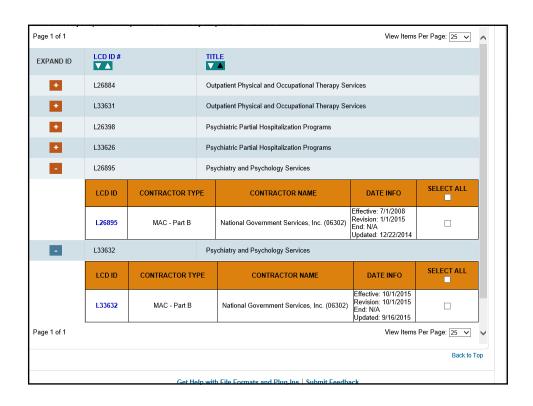
- Cigna (national)
- Aetna (national)
- Medicare (local): https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx?kg=true

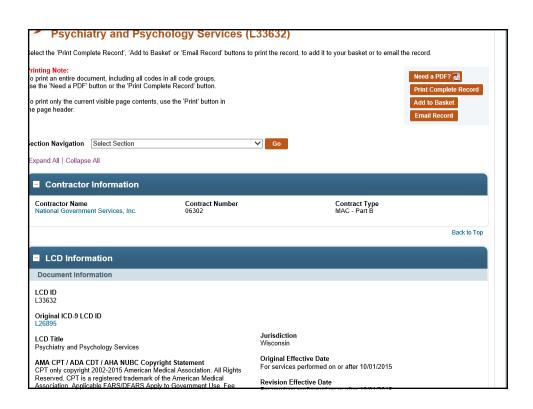




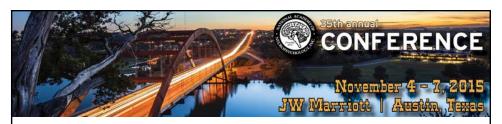








| CD-10 CODE | DESCRIPTION |
|------------|---|
| A50.42 | Late congenital syphilitic encephalitis |
| A50.43 | Late congenital syphilitic polyneuropathy |
| A50.45 | Juvenile general paresis |
| F07.0 | Personality change due to known physiological condition |
| F07.81 | Postconcussional syndrome |
| F07.89 | Other personality and behavioral disorders due to known physiological condition |
| F48.2 | Pseudobulbar affect |
| F81.0 | Specific reading disorder |
| F81.81 | Disorder of written expression |
| G30.0 | Alzheimer's disease with early onset |
| G30.1 | Alzheimer's disease with late onset |
| G30.8 | Other Alzheimer's disease |
| G31.01 | Pick's disease |
| G31.09 | Other frontotemporal dementia |
| G31.83 | Dementia with Lewy bodies |
| G31.84 | Mild cognitive impairment, so stated |
| G31.85 | Corticobasal degeneration |
| G31.9 | Degenerative disease of nervous system, unspecified |
| 169.01 | Cognitive deficits following nontraumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage |
| 169.11 | Cognitive deficits following nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage |
| 169.21 | Cognitive deficits following other nontraumatic intracranial hemorrhage |
| 169.31 | Cognitive deficits following cerebral infarction |
| 169.81 | Cognitive deficits following other cerebrovascular disease |
| 169.91 | Cognitive deficits following unspecified cerebrovascular disease |
| R41.1 | Anterograde amnesia |
| R41.2 | Retrograde amnesia |
| R41.3 | Other amnesia |
| R47.01 | Aphasia |
| R47.02 | Dysphasia |
| R47.1 | Dysarthria and anarthria |
| R47.81 | Slurred speech |



During Assessment

- Verify insurance coverage again by copying insurance cards.
- If there is no referral, and the interview reveals a working diagnosis that is not covered, STOP.
- Conduct 96118 and 96119 on different days.



After Assessment

- Submit interview bill ASAP
- Submit claims quickly



If Claim is Denied

- Call/email to have the claim reprocessed
- Submit corrected claim with a new diagnosis



Exceptional Routes

- Patient gets involved
- Formal appeal
- Involve the Benefits Manager
- Write the Insurance commissioner of your state



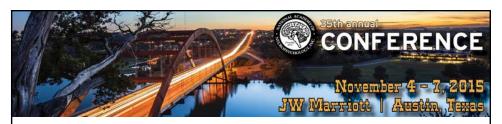
Creative Routes

- Email the PAIC through NAN
- Reach out to your senators and representatives
- Ask for help/ideas from colleagues or the listserves



PAIC: What and Why?

- PAIC = Professional Affairs and Information Committee
- Goal = Educate, inform, advocate, promote
- Members = 9 + 1 student
- All volunteers, hundreds of hours served in 2015



Educate and Inform

- PQRS
- ICD10-CM
- Practice-related information
- Communications from Health Insurance Companies
- Answer member questions, if possible.



Physician's Quality Reporting System (PQRS)

- Pay-for-Performance system
- Recommend reporting via registry
- Dementia measures vs. Individual measures
- 2% to 6% penalty for not reporting in 2015
- 4% to 6% penalty for not reporting in 2016



PQRS highlights for Dementia reporting

- 20 dementia patients, 11 of whom must be Medicare recipients
- Must come for two visits
- Registry reporting only
- ~10 measures to report



PQRS Individual Measures reporting

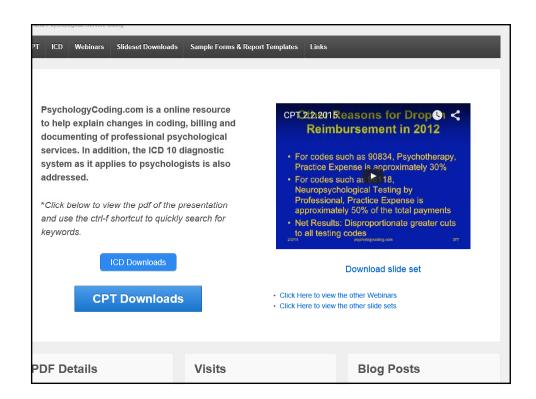
- Report on 50% of Medicare patients in 2015
- Report on 9 measures over 3 domains
- Probably too late to do this for 2015 now; plan for 2016.



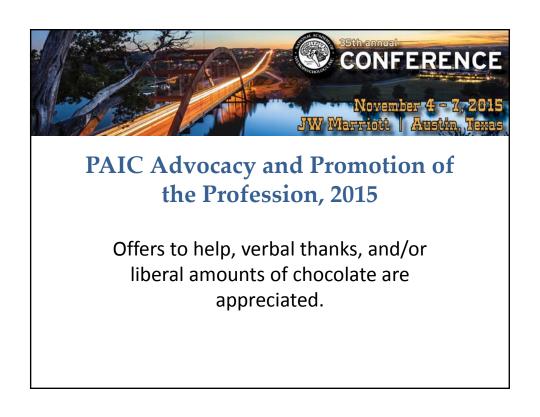
ICD10-CM

- Dr. Tony Puente presenting on this topic
- Still a transition time for all of us, with more info likely to come
- Easy conversion tool found at: www.icd10data.com/convert
- More info at www.psychologycoding.org











Subjects of Advocacy and Education

Cigna

Aetna

Humana

Medicare

United Healthcare

United Behavioral Health/Optum