

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



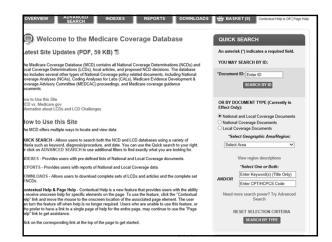
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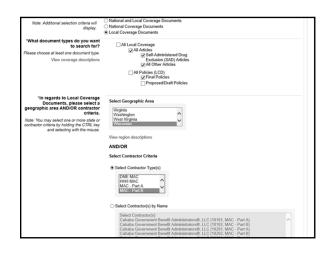
- Verify Insurance coverage
- Verify provider network status (in vs. OON)
- Verify that 96118 and diagnosis are covered services and if pre-auth is necessary
- Determine if the service will be medical or mental health
- Obtain co-pay and deductible information
- Check company NP policy documents to verify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

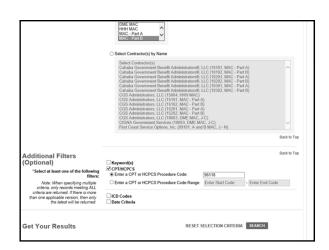


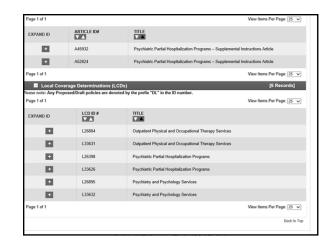
Sample NP policy documents

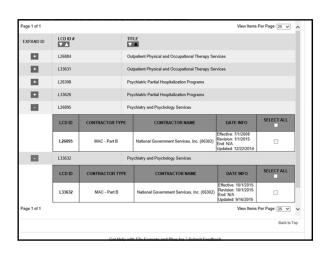
- Cigna (national)
- · Aetna (national)
- Medicare (local): https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx?kq=true













ICD-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	



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

