



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?kq=true>

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Welcome to the Medicare Coverage Database

Latest Site Updates (PDF, 59 KB)

The Medicare Coverage Database (MCD) contains all National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) and Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs), local articles, and proposed NCD decisions. The database also includes several other types of National Coverage policy related documents, including National Coverage Analyses (NCAs), Coding Analyses for Labs (CALs), Medicare Evidence Development & Reimbursement Advisory Committee (MEDRAC) proceedings, and Medicare coverage guidance documents.

How to Use this Site
 LCD vs. Medicare.gov
 Information about LCDs and LCD Challenges

How to Use this Site
 The MCD offers multiple ways to locate and view data:

QUICK SEARCH - Allows users to search both the NCD and LCD databases using a variety of criteria such as keyword, diagnosis/procedure, and date. You can use the Quick search to your right to click on **ADVANCED SEARCH** to use additional filters to find exactly what you are looking for.

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*Document ID: **SEARCH BY ID**

OR BY DOCUMENT TYPE (Currently in Effect Only):

☐ National Coverage Documents
☐ Local Coverage Documents

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☐ National Coverage Documents
☒ Local Coverage Documents

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☒ All Articles
☒ Self-Administered Drug Exclusion (SAD) Articles
☒ All Other Articles
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☐ Proposed/Draft Policies

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☒ Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) **(6 Records)**

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Psychiatry and Psychology Services (L33632)

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Contractor Information

Contractor Name	Contract Number	Contract Type
National Government Services, Inc.	06302	MAC - Part B


LCD Information

Document Information

LCD ID	Original LCD ID	Jurisdiction	Original Effective Date	Revision Effective Date
L33632	L26895	Wisconsin	For services performed on or after 10/1/2015	


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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
F07.82	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
I69.01	Cognitive deficits following nontraumatic subarachnoid hemorrhage
I69.11	Cognitive deficits following nontraumatic intracerebral hemorrhage
I69.21	Cognitive deficits following other nontraumatic intracranial hemorrhage
I69.31	Cognitive deficits following cerebral infarction
I69.81	Cognitive deficits following other cerebrovascular disease
I69.91	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

Conversion Coding Rules ICD-10-PCS Codes Disclaimer About

CM/PCS, or Convert ICD-10-CM/PCS Codes to ICD-9-CM
 PCS code into the search box below to convert it, for example:

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PsychologyCoding.com is an online resource to help explain changes in coding, billing and documenting of professional psychological services. In addition, the ICD 10 diagnostic system as it applies to psychologists is also addressed.

*Click below to view the pdf of the presentation and use the ctrl-f shortcut to quickly search for keywords.

CPT 2015 Reasons for Drop Reimbursement in 2012

- For codes such as 90834, Psychotherapy, Practice Expense is approximately 30%
- For codes such as 18, Neuropsychological Testing by Professional, Practice Expense is approximately 50% of the total payments
- Net Results: Disproportionate greater cuts to all testing codes

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