



Neuropsychological billing and managed care: Practice and ethical issues

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What is your practice setting?

- Private Practice
- Institution-based practice
 - Hospital or clinic
 - Schools
 - Other



Who is responsible for:

- Setting of fees
- Billing and collections



Who are your practice populations?

- Adults
- Adolescents
- Children
- Typical diagnostic categories



What is the content of your practice:

- Clinical work
 - Evaluations
 - Psychotherapy
 - Consultation
 - Training and Supervision



What is the content of your practice (continued):

- Forensic work
 - IME work
 - Legal work
 - Medical record review and consultation



What is the content of your practice (continued):

- Consultation – peers, businesses, other
- Supervision – peers or student training
- Teaching – classroom, workshops
- Research



General ethical principles:

- Inform patients regarding fees
- Inform patients regarding billing and payment expectations
- Complete necessary information
- Do so in a timely way
- Do not withhold clinically necessary information secondary to non-payment.



Initial paperwork for patients:

- Informed consent – information about your practice and procedures
- Signed agreements for evaluation
- Signed agreement for therapy



The patients' or families' obligations:

- To know or find out what their insurance does and doesn't cover
- To be responsible for uncovered portions of the bill
- To pay those portions in a timely manner, or according to a pre-agreed plan



Related billing issues:

- Confidentiality, privacy, and informed consent for treatment
 - Dealing with insurance companies
 - Who gets copies of what notes, and why?
 - How do you satisfy billing requirements without betraying confidentiality?



Confidentiality, privacy, and informed consent for treatment:

- Other requests for patients' reports or notes:
 - Teachers for educational planning
 - Disabled student services for support and accommodation
 - Parents of young brain injured adults
 - Non-psychologist psychotherapists, psychiatrists, health care providers



Specific Neuropsychology Billing issues:

- Use of 96118 – NPE record review, interview, test interpretation, report prep, review of result
- Use of 96116 – Screening exams and related diagnostic interviews
- Use of 96119 - Psychometrists' time in scoring, writing behavioral observations



Health and Behavioral Codes:

- Evaluation
- Treatment
 - Individual, Group