

Sec. 17b-262-471. Services covered and limitations

Except for the limitations and exclusions listed below, the department shall pay for the professional services of a licensed psychologist which conform to accepted methods of diagnosis and treatment, but shall not pay for anything of an unproven, educational, social, research, experimental, or cosmetic nature; for services in excess of those deemed medically necessary and medically appropriate by the department to treat the client's condition; or for services not directly related to the client's diagnosis, symptoms, or medical history.

(a) The department shall pay for the following psychological services:

(1) Psychodiagnostic Evaluations

(A) Intellectual Evaluation - Individual

Evaluation of intellectual functioning by means of appropriate psychological procedures, such as the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, and Stanford-Binet Intelligence Scale;

(B) Scholastic Achievement or Group Intelligence

(i) Scholastic Achievement: Determination of acquired abilities in areas of educational achievement through the administration and evaluation of tests, California Reading Test, and Wide Range Achievement Test; and

(ii) Group Intellectual Evaluation: Determination of intellectual functioning by means of group intelligence tests such as the Lorge-Thorndike Intelligence Test, Otis Quick-Scoring Mental Ability Test, and California Short-Form Test of Mental Maturity;

(C) Personality Diagnosis and Evaluation

Study of personality dynamics, interpersonal relations, emotional adjustment, and stability, through the utilization of psychological procedures such as Rorschach, MMPI, Thematic Apperception Test, Children's Apperception Test, and Figure-Drawing;

(D) Evaluation of Organic Brain Involvement: Organicity

Assessment of functions requiring memory, concept formation, visual motor skills, by means of psychological procedures such as the Wechsler Memory Scale, Goldstein-Scheerer Battery Graham-Kendall Memory for Designs, and Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test;

(E) Evaluation of Aptitudes, Interests, and Educational Adjustment

Assessment of vocational aptitudes and interests and educational achievement by means of such procedures as manipulation tests of dexterity and coordination, vocational aptitude tests, interest tests, and achievement tests; and

(F) Neuropsychological Evaluation

Assessment of perceptual or motor functions; attention; memory; and learning; intellectual processes; and emotion, behavior, and personality by means of appropriate psychological procedures administered by a qualified neuropsychologist, such as the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale, the Wide Range Achievement Test, the Wechsler Memory Scale, the Luria Nebraska Neuropsychological Battery, and the Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery.

(2) Counseling and Psychotherapy

(A) Diagnostic Interview

Initial contact, review of available records, and personal interview with subject. Applicable only when formal testing is not possible;

(B) Individual Counseling or Psychotherapy; and

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(C) Group Counseling or Psychotherapy.

(3) Staff Consultation

Attendance at staff conferences to present and to discuss psychological findings in planning for the individual; and

(4) HealthTrack Services and HealthTrack Special Services.

(b) Limitations on covered services shall be as follows:

(1) a diagnostic interview or psychodiagnostic evaluation procedure is limited to one of each in any twelve month period per psychologist for the same client;

(2) only one unit of individual counseling or psychotherapy and one unit of group counseling or psychotherapy shall be paid for on the same day;

(3) the department shall not pay for more than one psychodiagnostic evaluation in any twelve month period when performed by the same psychologist for the same client;

(4) group psychotherapy sessions shall be limited in size to a maximum of eight persons per group session regardless of the payment source of each participant;

(5) only two staff consultations, as described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 17b-262-471, shall be allowed per year per client per psychologist; and

(6) services covered are limited to those listed in the department's published fee schedule.

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