

Guidance on billing and coding for psychological evaluation and test administration

Background: Summit Community Care has updated the claims adjudication process to align with the current National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) for psychological testing evaluation and test administration for the following codes:

Psychological testing evaluation services	
CPT® code	Description
96130 U4	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour .
96131 U4	Each additional hour should be listed separately in addition to the code for the primary procedure.
Test administration and scoring	
CPT® code	Description
96136 U4	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method, first 30 minutes .
96137 U4	Each additional 30 minutes should be listed separately in addition to the code for the primary procedure.

96136 U4 and 96137 U4 have been added to the fee schedules for Rehabilitation Centers (RSPMI) and mental and behavioral health.

What is the impact of this change?

If testing evaluation services occur during multiple visits, providers should bill a single claim at the completion of the evaluation and test administration in its entirety. Per the above chart, the claim should include one unit of each base code and subsequent units using add on codes. Providers should use the appropriate add-on codes for all additional units regardless of the date of service.

When will this change occur?

Claims will begin processing under this billing procedure beginning July 1, 2020 **and will go into effect on January 1, 2020.**

For your convenience, previously denied claims that used this correct billing method will be automatically reprocessed by August 15, 2020. Claims billed without the U4 modifier will need to be resubmitted as a corrected claim.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions about this communication or need assistance with any other item, contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services toll free at **1-844-462-0022**. If you don't know who your Provider Relations representative is, please refer to your county assignment at <https://bit.ly/2yEyyDf>.