

Psychological & Neuropsychological Testing Codes

Quick-reference sheet for psychiatrists and testing providers: testing, administration and scoring, and brief screening

Psychological and neuropsychological testing evaluation

96130	Psychological testing evaluation	first hour
+96131	Psychological testing evaluation	each add'l hour
96132	Neuropsychological testing evaluation	first hour
+96133	Neuropsychological testing evaluation	each add'l hour

Test administration and scoring

96136	Administration and scoring, by physician/QHP	first 30 min
+96137	Administration and scoring, by physician/QHP	each add'l 30 min
96138	Administration and scoring, by technician	first 30 min
+96139	Administration and scoring, by technician	each add'l 30 min

Brief screening and assessment

96127	Brief emotional/behavioral assessment (e.g., PHQ-9, GAD-7), per instrument	
G0444	Annual depression screening *	5–15 minutes
G0442	Annual alcohol misuse screening *	5–15 minutes
G0443	Brief face-to-face alcohol misuse counseling	15 minutes
G0396	Alcohol/substance structured screening and brief intervention *	15–30 min
G0397	Alcohol/substance structured screening and brief intervention *	30+ min
99408	SBIRT, CPT/commercial equivalent *	15–30 min
99409	SBIRT, CPT/commercial equivalent *	30+ min

+ codes are add-ons. Bill them with their base "first hour" or "first 30 min" code, never alone. Testing is usually authorization-driven, so confirm prior auth and unit limits before scheduling.

G-codes are HCPCS Level II, used mainly for Medicare and Medicaid. Confirm whether a payer wants the G-code or the CPT equivalent (99408/99409 vs. G0396/G0397). * Check current CMS and payer frequency limits on screening codes (for example, depression screening is typically once per year).

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