

METHOD OF INDICATING CHANGES

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Amend Section 51505.3 to read as follows:

§ 51505.3. Psychology Services.

(a) Reimbursement for psychology services shall be the usual charges made to the general public not to exceed the maximum reimbursement rates published on the Department's Medi-Cal Provider website for the procedure codes that apply to psychology services.~~allowances listed in this section.~~ Psychology services include, but are not limited to, group therapy, family therapy, individual therapy, psychodiagnostic services and case conferences.

(b) Group therapy shall include~~be~~ counseling at least two but not more than ten~~eight~~ persons at any session. A~~G~~ group therapy session~~reimbursement~~ shall ~~not~~ be ~~made for sessions which are less than~~ a minimum of one~~and one-half~~ hour~~s~~.

(c) Family therapy shall include at least two members of the immediate family at any session, as defined by subsection (c) of Section 51466. ~~The oldest family member in attendance shall be billed under procedure codes X9508 or X9510. All other family members in attendance shall be billed under procedure code X9512. For Medi-Cal clients:~~

~~(1) A MEDI label and Medi-Cal claim form shall be submitted for each Medi-Cal eligible family member in attendance at the family therapy session.~~

~~(2) At least two Medi-Cal eligible family members shall be in attendance at the family therapy session.~~

~~(3) At least one Medi-Cal eligible family member shall be billed under procedure code X9512 for each family therapy session.[end strikeout]~~

(d) The following requirements shall apply to
~~P~~psycho~~diagnostic~~
 services~~shall be provided and billed as follows~~:

(1) Psychodiagnostic services shall include test administration, scoring, and, when required, a written test report summarizing the performance and behavior results. Test administration shall include any pretest interview, pretest instruction and test materials. Test administration shall be concluded within seven consecutive work days. Psychodiagnostic time allowances shall only apply to the actual time ~~the~~ psychologist~~'s actual time~~ is involved in rendering a given service.

(2) Group psychodiagnostic testing shall include at least ~~two~~ but not more than ~~eight~~ ten persons, at any session.

~~(3) Atypical test sessions, where the time allowance for test administration exceeds three hours, shall be fully explained.~~

~~(4)~~ (3) The psychodiagnostic tests performed shall be reported on the billing form.

~~[begin strikeout](5) Partial hour allowances shall be used whenever a procedure involves a fraction of an hour.[end strikeout]~~

~~[begin strikeout](6[begin underline](4[begin underline]) A computer scored test shall be billed using the computer firm's charge for the service. A computer scored test shall be reimbursed at the computer firm's usual charge up to the maximum [begin underline]reimbursement rate for this test, published on the Department's Medi-Cal Provider website for the procedure codes that apply to psychology services.[end underline][begin strikeout]allowance listed under procedure code X9536. Additional time required to administer the test or to evaluate the computerized report may be billed as a part of test administration or test scoring, respectively.[end strikeout]~~

(e) ~~[begin underline]A[end underline] [begin strikeout]C[end strikeout][begin underline]c[end underline]ase conference [begin strikeout]allowances[begin strikeout]shall be limited to [begin underline]a[end underline] conference[begin strikeout]s[end strikeout] with persons immediately involved in the care or recovery of the client. [begin strikeout]Case conferences shall be limited to one per patient per month.~~

~~(f) The maximum allowance for out-of-office call is payable only for visits to the first client receiving services at any given location on the same day. It shall not apply to services rendered by a hospital outpatient department nor an organized outpatient clinic.~~

~~(g) Maximum Allowances shall be as follows:~~

~~Procedure Code X9500~~
~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Individual, one-half hour
~~Maximum Allowance \$18.98~~

~~Procedure Code X9502~~

~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Individual, one hour

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 38.01

~~Procedure Code X9504~~

~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Individual, one and one-half hour (maximum)

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 56.98

~~Procedure Code X9506~~

~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Group Therapy, per person, per session

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 14.48

~~Procedure Code X9508~~

~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Family Therapy, one hour, oldest family member

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 50.87

~~Procedure Code X9510~~

~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Family Therapy, one and one-half hours (maximum)

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 76.32

~~Procedure Code X9512~~

~~PSYCHOTHERAPY~~ Family Therapy, each additional family member

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 1.68

~~Procedure Code X9514~~

~~PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES~~ Test Administration, includes pretest interview one complete hour

~~Maximum Allowance~~ \$38.01

~~Procedure Code X9516~~

~~PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES~~ two complete hours

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 75.96

~~Procedure Code X9518~~

~~PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES~~ three complete hours

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 114.00

~~Procedure Code X9520~~

~~PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES~~ four complete hours

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 152.01

~~Procedure Code X9522~~

~~PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES~~ five complete hours

~~Maximum Allowance~~ 189.96

~~Procedure Code X9524~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** six complete hours (maximum)
Maximum Allowance 227.98~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9526~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** partial hour, each 15 minutes
Maximum Allowance 9.49~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9528~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** Group Test Administration, per person over one,
add
Maximum Allowance 14.48~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9530~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** Test Scoring, one complete hour
Maximum Allowance 38.01~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9532~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** two complete hours (maximum)
Maximum Allowance 75.96~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9534~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** partial hours each 15 minutes
Maximum Allowance 9.49~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9536~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** Computer Scored Test, per test, at computer firm's
usual charge up to a maximum of
Maximum Allowance 18.98~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9538~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** Written Test Report, when required, one complete
hour
Maximum Allowance 38.01~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9540~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** two complete hours (maximum)
Maximum Allowance 75.96~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9542~~

~~**PSYCHODIAGNOSTIC SERVICES** partial hour each 15 minutes
Maximum Allowance 9.49~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9544~~

~~**RELATED PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES** Case conference, one half hour
Maximum Allowance \$18.98~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9546~~

~~**RELATED PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES** one complete hour (maximum)~~

~~**Maximum Allowance** 38.01~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9548~~

~~**RELATED PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES** Out-of-Office call~~

~~**Maximum Allowance** 9.49~~

~~**Procedure Code** X9550~~

~~**RELATED PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES** Unlisted Services~~

~~**Maximum Allowance** By Report[end strikeout]~~

Note: Authority cited: Sections 10725, [begin strikeout]44105[end strikeout][begin underline], 14105.05[end underline] and 14124.5, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 14105[begin underline], 14105.05[end underline] and 14132, Welfare and Institutions Code; Statutes of 1982, Chapter 1594, Section 77; Statutes of 1983, Chapter 323, Section 149; Statutes of 1984, Chapter 258, Items 4260-106-001 and 890; Statutes of 1984, Chapter 268, Section 66; Statutes of 1985, Chapter 111, Items 4260-106-001 and 890; and Statutes of 2000, Chapter 52, Items 4260-101-0001 and 0890.