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**Subject:** 2019 CPT Behavioral Health CPT® Code Changes for Psychological Testing  
Changes

In accordance with major revisions to the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) for 2019, for dates of service on or after January 1, 2019, the 2019 versions of the CPT and Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) medical codes sets are in effect.

The table below provides a crosswalk from covered 2018 CPT codes to 2019 CPT codes, units and daily limits.

2018 Psych Testing CPT Codes	2018 CPT Code Description	2019 Psych Testing CPT Codes	2019 CPT Code Description/Summary/Add on Codes
96101	Psychological Testing	<b>Psychological Testing Evaluation Services</b>	
		96130	Psychological test administration; first hour
		96131	Each additional hour
		<b>Test Administration and Scoring</b>	
		96136	Psychological test administration and scoring; first 30 minutes
		96137	Each additional 30 minutes
<b>Developmental/Behavioral Testing</b>			
96111	Developmental Testing	96112	Developmental test administration, first hour
		96113	Each additional 30 minutes
<b>Neuropsychological Testing</b>			
96116	Neurobehavioral Status Exam	96116	Neurobehavioral Status Exam
		96121	Each additional hour

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2018 Psych Testing CPT Codes	2018 CPT Code Description	2019 Psych Testing CPT Codes	2019 CPT Code Description/Summary/Add on Codes
96118	<b>Neuropsychological Testing</b>	96132	Neuropsychological test administration; first hour
		96133	Neuropsychological test administration; each additional hour
		<b>Test Administration and Scoring</b>	
		96136	Neuropsychological test administration and scoring, first 30 minutes
		96137	Each additional 30 minutes

Providers are encouraged to pursue training and education regarding the use and documentation requirement of the new codes. The requirements are found in the AMA’s 2019 CPT Manual. It is incumbent on each billing provider to read, understand, and ensure compliance with published 2019 CPT guidance and DHB policy for services billed to Medicaid and LME-MCOs.

[For additional guidance related to the 2019 CPT updates, please see link below to the American Psychological Association FAQs.](#)

<https://www.apaservices.org/practice/reimbursement/health-codes/testing-code-faq.pdf>

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