

ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY MAY ASK

- 1) I am not a preferred provider in your network.
- 2) I am licensed as a clinical psychologist in the state of California. My license number is PSY 14261. My tax ID is 20-4969484. My National Provider ID is 1407010374
- 3) Cost of the evaluation is \$9500
- 4) What I will be doing as part of the evaluation:

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Insurance code</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>How many</u>
Initial Consultation	CPT 90791	\$500	1
1 hour testing/scoring	CPT 96136	\$356	1
.5 hours testing/scoring	CPT 96137	\$178	18
1 hour computer testing	CPT 96146	\$110	1
1 hour testing scoring	CPT 96105	\$356	1
1 hour neuropsych services *	CPT 96132	\$356	1
Additional .5 hours neuropsych services	CPT 96133	\$178	14
1 hour psychological services ^	CPT 96130	\$356	1
Additional hour psychological services	CPT 96131	\$356	5

- * Integrate data, interpret results, right report, plan treatment, give feedback related to cognitive testing
- ^ Integrate data, interpret results, right report, plan treatment, give feedback related to psychological testing

5) If your insurance company tells you they have to speak to the doctor (me) before they will authorize testing, tell them they need to authorize a “90791” before that conversation can happen. This code (90791) refers to our initial meeting, at which I gather information from you about the problems for which you are seeking testing. It is only after this meeting takes place that I will understand the issues in enough detail to explain to the insurance company why the testing is needed. Note: Many insurance companies do not require authorization for the 90791 appointment. The insurance company representative with whom you speak may not be aware of this.

6) Some insurance plans may allow you to be reimbursed for my services if there is no comparable in-network provider in geographical proximity to you. You might inquire with your insurance company if this is so, and determine whether they can provide for you a “board certified neuropsychologist” or, for children, a “board certified pediatric neuropsychologist” in-network.

7) If this inquiry is for an evaluation of a child: If you tell the insurance company that your child is having problems in school, they may inform you that your health insurance is not designed to help a child with academic trouble. However, children who are having trouble in school are often having trouble in other areas of life. Problems may be more evident in school because school is where you child spends the most time and the demands made there are consistent. If the insurance representative asks why you are seeking the evaluation, I encourage you describe the impact of the issues at hand more broadly than the ways in which they are evident in the school setting.

Good luck! And please feel free to call if I can clarify anything further.