



Client Information for Assessments

Thank you for scheduling an appointment with the Center for Pediatric Neuropsychology. A neuropsychological/psychological evaluation is typically conducted in three steps, depending on insurance:

1) **Intake Interview:** The purpose of this evaluation is to gather information regarding the concerns which prompted this evaluation, as well as to review relevant background information regarding previous evaluations, diagnoses, medical concerns and related history (approx. 60 min). **Please note that your child must attend this interview date.** Depending on your insurance, this interview may be conducted the same day as your testing session. Please bring:

- Previous Evaluations, including school Evaluation Report and Individualized Education Plan
- Any standardized evaluation results
- Relevant medical records (i.e. neurological evaluations, psychiatric evaluations)
- The Completed Child History Form

2) **Testing Session:** This session will typically last 2-4 hours depending on the age of the child and the reason for evaluation. A child may be told that the evaluation will involve game-like activities, such as using blocks, answering quiz questions or playing memory games. It is important that the child gets a good night sleep prior to the evaluation and has eaten an appropriate, recent meal. Small snacks may be brought to the evaluation session to be enjoyed during scheduled breaks. If glasses or hearing aids are prescribed, please be sure to bring these to the appointment. If your child is significantly ill, please call ASAP to discuss the situation and whether testing should be rescheduled.

Following the testing session, we will score the testing and prepare a report that includes: relevant background information; a description of each measure and the child's performance on that measure; diagnosis (if applicable), and recommendations for intervention and treatment.

3) **Feedback Session:** We will meet to review the results of testing and to establish a treatment plan (approx. 60 minutes). This session will be scheduled at the time of the testing session and typically occurs two weeks following the testing.

Kindly providing notice of **48 hours** for a need to cancel/reschedule an appointment allows us to offer your appointment time to another child and family in need of an evaluation.

Insurance Information

Our insurance coverage varies, according to your assigned providers. Our providers are credentialed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield entities, UPMC Commercial, CCBHO and Value Behavioral Health for insurance coverage. If you have a health insurance policy with these companies, we will fill out forms and provide you with whatever assistance we can in helping you to receive the benefits to which you are entitled. **However, you (not your insurance company) are responsible for full payment of our fees.** It is important that you find out exactly what psychological and neuropsychological testing services your insurance policy covers by calling your insurance company's member service line. The extent of coverage, copayments, and deductibles vary widely in individual plans. Our staff cannot be responsible for knowing the specific details of your individual plan and **you are responsible for any copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles associated with your plan.** These are due on the date of service.

If asked when calling your insurance company, in general a Neuropsychological Evaluation will consist of three parts:

- CPT Code 90791 Diagnostic Interview
- CPT Code 96136/96137 Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing
- CPT Code 96130/96131/96132/96133 Psychological/Neuropsychological Evaluation Services
- CPT Code 90846/90847 Family Therapy (for the Feedback Session to discuss treatment planning/interventions).

You should find out:

- 1) Whether a preauthorization is required for any of the above services.
- 2) If you have a copayment or coinsurance for these services, and what that is.
- 3) If you have a deductible and whether that has been met.

Preauthorizations:

In some cases, an insurance company may require a "preauthorization." If this is the case, we will submit information to the insurance company to obtain their prior authorization for testing. This authorization does not, however, guarantee reimbursement. We will discuss any limits on authorization that are determined by your insurance company. To the extent that these limits will affect our ability to complete a comprehensive evaluation, we will discuss your options with regard to private pay for the additional testing that we recommend to be necessary to best answer your questions regarding your child. If a preauthorization is required, the diagnostic interview and the testing session **MUST** be conducted on separate dates to allow for submission and processing of the authorization with the insurance company.

Academic Testing:

Please note that insurance companies WILL NOT reimburse for the academic portion of a neuropsychological evaluation. This includes evaluation of reading, arithmetic, spelling and written language skills. In some cases, insurance companies may also consider IQ testing to also be "psychoeducational" and therefore not able to be reimbursed. We will discuss any of these limitations with you and you will have the option to choose whether to pay privately for this aspect of the evaluation. We can discuss during the clinical interview whether assessment of academic skills is recommended based upon your child's presenting concerns. The fee for academic testing is \$450, which may be reduced by the provider if only certain areas require assessment.

PRIVATE PAY

If you will be paying privately for services, the following payment schedule is expected:

- Diagnostic Evaluation: 25% of the evaluation fee.
- Testing Date: Remainder of evaluation fee.

If the Diagnostic Evaluation and Testing Date are combined into one appointment, full payment is expected on the date of service.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact us!