



Summary of Changes to the Testing Codes for 2006

As of Jan. 1, 2006, the CPT® codes for psychological and neuropsychological testing have been revised. New code numbers have replaced the old CPT code numbers 96100, 96117 and 96115 for psychological testing, neuropsychological testing and the neurobehavioral status exam.

The revised psychological and neuropsychological testing codes now reflect who does the testing: a psychologist, a technician or a computer. The neurobehavioral status exam, which is typically not conducted by a technician or a computer, has been replaced by a single new code.

The revised codes finally provide more appropriate reimbursement and recognition for psychologists who administer psychological and neuropsychological tests. The Practice Directorate successfully sought the revised codes as part of a persistent, multi-year effort to obtain a “professional work value” for testing and assessment codes reflecting the time and effort expended by a psychologist in providing these services. Previously, psychological testing codes had a work value of zero for the psychologist’s effort.

Practitioners must use the revised codes as of Jan. 1, 2006. The CPT testing codes for 2005 are no longer being accepted.

New Code Numbers

The code for psychological testing, interpretation and reporting, formerly known as **96100**, is now:

- **96101**, for psychological testing, interpretation and reporting per hour by a psychologist
- **96102**, for psychological testing per hour by a technician—with interpretation and reporting by a psychologist

- **96103**, for psychological testing by a computer—with interpretation and reporting by a psychologist

The code for neuropsychological testing, formerly known as **96117**, is now:

- **96118**, for neuropsychological testing, interpretation and reporting per hour by a psychologist
- **96119**, for neuropsychological testing per hour by a technician—with interpretation and reporting by a psychologist
- **96120**, for neuropsychological testing by a computer—with interpretation and reporting by a psychologist

The neurobehavioral status exam, formerly coded as **96115**, is now coded as **96116**. There is only a single code reflecting the psychologist’s work in conducting the exam, which is typically not conducted by a technician or a computer.

The new code numbers are published in *CPT 2006*®, which is available from the American Medical Association at (800) 621-8335.

For help with questions about or billing problems related to the revised codes, call the APA Practice Directorate’s Government Relations Department at (202) 336-5889 or email pracgovt@apa.org.

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