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2006 TESTING CODES TOOLKIT

Introducing the 2006 Testing Codes Toolkit

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We at the APA Practice Organization are pleased to hear that practitioners already are benefiting from higher 2006 payment levels for revised psychological and neuropsychological testing codes that took effect on January 1. At the same time, we are very aware that some psychologists clearly have experienced considerable frustration in obtaining appropriate reimbursement from certain health insurance and managed care companies.

To help ease the difficulties, the APA Practice Organization has prepared this "Testing Codes Toolkit." It is designed to inform practicing psychologists, their staff, health insurance company representatives and others about the new codes and their proper use, payment for the codes, and how to work with carriers when experiencing problems.

Practitioners are well aware that they are likely to face challenges when new coding procedures and payment policies take effect. It requires all of us to advocate for professional psychology's interests and work with health insurance companies on proper implementation of the testing codes for 2006.

We appreciate our continuing collaboration with the APA Division 40 (Clinical Neuropsychology), the National Academy of Neuropsychology and the Society for Personality Assessment in spreading the word about the testing codes and in helping to ensure that the codes are being reimbursed as they should be. Some of their helpful material also is included in this toolkit.

As the process of implementing the newly revised codes continues, we expect there will be new resources and updates to share with you. Please check back at **APApractice.org** for additions to this toolkit.

As always, we invite your comments and suggestions for more information that would help you. And, of course, rest assured that we will continue our efforts to implement the new codes until all third party payers understand the codes and recognize the increased value of psychological and neuropsychological testing.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Newman".

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