



**Connecticut Medical Assistance Program**  
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Contact: Paul Piccione @ (860) 424-5160

TO: Psychologists

RE: Psychologist Fee Schedule Update

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2014 and forward, the Department of Social Services is adding Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 96116 to the psychologist fee schedule. Procedure code 96116 is defined as: Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, e.g. acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report.

Prior authorization is not required.

**Accessing the Fee Schedule:**

The updated psychologist fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance Web site: [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). From this Web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download", then to the "Psychologist" fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select "Open".

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedule on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the HP Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 800-842-8440.

**Posting Instructions:** Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at [www.ctdssmap.com](http://www.ctdssmap.com). Holders of the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Provider Manual should replace their existing fee schedules with the new schedules.

The Department had hoped to post the new fee schedule before the end of December; however, due to a delay in receipt of files from CMS the fee schedule will not be posted until January. All fees will be effective January 1, 2014 regardless of when the fee schedule is actually posted. Any paid claims that process with current fees will be mass adjusted after the new fees are loaded to the system. Providers will

be notified via a banner message when the claims are adjusted. No action is required on the part of the provider.

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