

Psychological Counseling

Psychological counseling – treatment services involving an individual student or groups of children using a variety of techniques to assist the student in overcoming behavioral and emotional difficulties. Counseling shall be limited to services provided to children whose severe behavioral or emotional problems require ongoing therapeutic counseling intervention.

To claim Medicaid reimbursement, providers must abide by the following:

- Psychological counseling services must be listed on the IEP (see Note).
- ~~Psychological counseling services may be provided by a NYS registered and licensed psychiatrist, psychologist, certified school psychologist, registered and licensed master social worker, and licensed clinical social worker, certified school social worker or certified school counselor. (updated 2/6/07)~~
- **A listing of professionals who can provide psychological counseling services billable to Medicaid will be provided at a later date (updated 2/6/07).**
- There should be at least quarterly progress notes prepared, ~~by the service provider~~ signed and dated by the appropriate registered and licensed ~~or certified~~ (updated 2/6/07) service provider ~~and signed by the NYS licensed~~ (updated 1/11/06) ~~physical therapist~~ ~~psychologist~~ (updated 10/24/05.) We recommend use of the progress notes sent home to parents (Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education). Refer to page 11 for documentation requirements.

NOTE: Services indicated on the IEP may be provided intermittently, however, this must also be indicated on the IEP. Where frequency and duration are required on the IEP, state on the IEP that the service will be provided intermittently and note the reason why the student's disability makes it necessary.

The ~~license/certification credentials~~ license (updated 2/6/07) of the ~~professionals~~ service providers (updated 2/6/07) should be kept on file.

Codes and Fees:

SSHSP Monthly Fee	5329	\$ 223
PSHSP Individual Monthly Fee	5306	\$ 278
PSHSP Center based Monthly Fee	5307	\$ 373