

Comprehensive Psychological Evaluation (with Social History)

Comprehensive Psychological Evaluation is a diagnostic evaluation and testing to study and describe a student's developmental, learning, behavioral and other personality characteristics. It includes social history which means a report of information gathered and prepared by qualified school district or preschool personnel pertaining to the interpersonal, familial and environmental variables which influence a student's general adaptation to school or preschool, including but not limited to data of family composition, family history, developmental history of the student, health of the student, family interaction and school or preschool adjustment of the student.

Periodic evaluations do not routinely require an update to the social history, unless the student's social, familial, environment or diagnostic circumstances change substantially. This is handled on an individual basis and properly documented.

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

- Evaluation must be provided by ~~NYS licensed and registered psychiatrist, psychologist or certified school psychologist~~ professionals to be determined at a later date (updated 2/6/07).
- Evaluation document signed and dated by the appropriate provider must be available.
- Social history can be completed by a NYS licensed and registered psychiatrist, psychologist, physician, certified school psychologist, licensed master social worker, licensed clinical social worker, certified school social worker, certified school counselor, or registered professional nurse (RN).
- The evaluation must be part of the IEP process.
- A district may bill for a comprehensive psychological evaluation if the social history was taken within 6 months of the initiation of the psychological evaluation, as long as the psychologist licensed professional (updated 2/6/07) reviews the social history in completing the psychological evaluation. A comprehensive psychological evaluation may not be billed if the social history was not reviewed as part of the evaluation process.

~~The licensure/certification credentials~~ license (updated 2/6/07) of the service providers should be kept on file. Note: For Basic and comprehensive psychological evaluations; providers bill only upon completion of all tests, and after the evaluation documents have been signed by the appropriate provider.

Code and Fees:

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| SSHSP (NYC) Fee | 5305 | \$ 379 |
| SSHSP (Rest of State) Fee | 5305 | \$ 312 |
| PSHSP Individual & Center based (NYC) Fee | 5309 | \$ 450 |
| PSHSP Individual & Center based (Rest of State) Fee | 5309 | \$ 370 |