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Behavioral Health Services: Psychology Interns

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Effective for dates of service on or after March 13, 2018, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will reimburse for covered behavioral health services provided by qualified doctoral level psychology interns.

Psychology Intern Requirements

In order to qualify for this program, an intern must be:

- A doctoral psychology intern in good standing in an internship program that is
 - Accredited by the American Psychological Association, and
 - A member of the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers
- Under the direct supervision of the MO HealthNet enrolled licensed psychologist responsible for the participant's care

Supervision Of Psychology Interns

The supervising psychologist must:

- Be enrolled with MO HealthNet as a psychologist
- Supervise and be responsible for the quality of work performed by the psychology intern under his/her direct supervision
- Actively direct the services
- Assure compliance with MO HealthNet rules and regulations
- Retain the name of the participating intern and training dates in the psychology intern's personnel record

Procedure Codes, Limits and Rates

Services for psychology interns are billed to MO HealthNet under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the supervising psychologist. Reimbursement is made to the supervising psychologist.

The following table includes the procedure codes billable by a licensed psychologist for services provided by a psychology intern. The HL modifier must be used to indicate the service was provided by a qualified psychology intern.

Refer to sections 13.9, 13.11, and 13.12 of the [Behavioral Health Services Manual](#) for precertification requirements.

Proc Code	Mod 1	Mod 2	Qty.	Description	Max Allowable Amount
90791	HL	AH	6	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation	\$ 36.16
90832	HL	AH	1	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient	\$ 28.12
90834	HL	AH	1	Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient	\$ 56.17
90837	HL	AH	1	Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient	\$ 70.23
90839	HL	AH	6	Psychotherapy for crisis, first 60 min	\$ 56.11
90846	HL	AH	1	Family psychotherapy w/o patient, 50 min	\$ 57.05
90847	HL	AH	1	Family psychotherapy w/ patient, 50 min	\$ 59.79
90853	HL	AH	3	Group psychotherapy	\$ 11.75
90880	HL	AH	1	Hypnotherapy	\$ 31.32
90885	HL	AH	1	Psychiatric evaluation of records	\$ 22.45
96101	HL	AH	4	Psych testing – administered by psychologist	\$ 56.11
96103	HL	AH	4	Psych testing – administered by computer	\$ 18.70
96105	HL	AH	4	Assessment of aphasia	\$ 32.73
96111	HL	AH	4	Developmental testing	\$ 36.74
96116	HL	AH	4	Neurobehavioral status exam	\$ 32.73
99406	HL	AH	1	Tobacco cessation counseling, 3 - 10 min	\$ 7.27
99407	HL	AH	1	Tobacco cessation counseling, > 10 min	\$ 10.91

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- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Managed Care Services

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