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Behavioral Health Services Update for Diagnostic Assessment and Psychological Testing

Effective Date: April 1, 2020

Applies to:

- Licensed or provisional licensed professional counselor
- Licensed clinical social worker, licensed master social worker
- Licensed or provisional licensed psychologist, psychology intern
- Licensed or provisional licensed marital and family therapist
- Psychiatrist, advanced practice psychiatric nurse

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REMOVAL OF DIAGNOSIS EDIT FOR DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT AND PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING

Historically, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) had an edit in place, so that when we received claims for diagnostic assessments or psychological testing, if there was no behavioral health diagnosis, the claims did not pay. MHD has changed this procedure.

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2020, MHD no longer edits assessment and testing claims for the behavioral health diagnosis.

This means that when performing a behavioral health evaluation, the provider should report the most appropriate ICD-10 diagnostic code(s) as determined by the evaluation (including Z codes).

CPT® Procedure codes affected by this change are 90791, 90792, 96105, 96112, 96113, 96116, 96121, 96130, 96131, 96136, 96137, and 96146.

The MHD covers psychological testing only when performed by licensed psychologists, provisional licensed psychologists, psychology interns, and psychiatrists.

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

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