

Documentation Guidelines

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90801 Psychiatric Diagnostic Interviewing

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- History
- Mental Status Exam
- Orientation
- Recent & Remote Memory
- Attention Span & Concentration
- Language
- Fund of Knowledge
- Mood & Affect
- Description of Speech
- Description of Thought Processes
- Description of Associations
- Description of Abnormal or Psychotic Thoughts
- Description of Judgment
- Impression/Diagnosis
- Disposition
- Identity of Observer
- Time Involved in Clinical Service

- 96100 Psychological Testing
- 96111 Developmental Testing
- 96117 Neuropsychological Testing

- Date
- Reason for Service (specify for emotionality, intelligence, and/or psychopathology.)
- Name of Tests Used
- Interpretation of Test Results
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96115 Neurobehavioral Status Exam

- Date
- Reason for Service
- Attention
- Memory
- Visual-spatial Abilities
- Language Functions
- Planning/Organization
- Impression/Diagnosis
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- 90804-90828 Psychiatric Therapeutic Procedures (Psychotherapy)
- 90875-90876 Individual Psychophysiological Therapy
- 90901 Biofeedback Training by Any Modality

- Date
- Reason for Service
- Intervention Performed
- Result of Intervention
- Impression/Diagnosis
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- Time Spent in Clinical Service

97770 Development of Cognitive Skills

- Date
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