



# MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

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Mental Health Providers

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## New Psychological Testing Codes

The Department of Public Health and Human Services (department) adopted MAR 37-869 to update the effective dates of Medicaid fee schedules to January 1, 2019. [The published MAR can be found at the following link: http://www.mtrules.org/default.asp.](http://www.mtrules.org/default.asp)

Updates include new code additions, code deletions, and changes to existing code descriptions published in the most recent edition of the American Medical Association (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®). Montana Medicaid, which uses Medicare procedure codes for billing codes paid by the Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS).

The AMA released new psychological testing codes effective January 1, 2019. The following psychological testing and neuropsychological testing codes have been deleted and replaced with new codes:

Psychological testing codes 96101, 96102 and 96103 are deleted and replaced with 96130, 96131, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139 and 96140.

Neuropsychological codes 96118, 96119 and 96120 are deleted and replaced with 96132, 96133, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139, 96146.

Montana Medicaid applies a 145% policy adjuster to psychological and neuropsychological testing rates provided by a psychologist which is defined as “qualified mental health professional” by CPT manual, but does not apply the adjuster to psychological and neuropsychological services provided by a technician or testing administered through computer testing. These services receive 100% of the rate. Please report an AH modifier to the following codes to receive the policy adjuster: 96130, 96131, 96132, 96133, 96136, 96137.

The relative value of the rates of testing codes remain the same. [The current RBRVS fee schedule is available at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/)

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