



Provider Notice 13-70

This provider notice rescinds and replaces PN 13-66.

The words **Restricted to agency-designated autism Centers of Excellence (COE)** were added to the Policy/Comments column of the Coverage table for CPT code 96101 in error. This PN corrects that error by moving the language from that table and adding it to the correct table as described below.

Dear Provider,

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2013, the Medicaid Program of the Health Care Authority (agency) will add the following information to the "Psychological Testing by Psychologists and Neuropsychologists section" of the *Mental Health Services for Children, Psychiatric, and Psychological Services Medicaid Provider Guide*:

- Add a box to draw attention to new billing information as follows:
 - ✓ Attention: Agency-designated Autism Centers of Excellence

To bill for any psychological or neuropsychological testing and developmental screening required as part of evaluations performed to diagnose autism and to determine if applied behavior analysis (ABA) services are clinically indicated under the agency's protocol with PA, add the UC modifier and EPA number 870001315 to the CPT codes at the line level on the professional claim.

- Add the sentence **EPA number 870001315 restricted to agency-designated autism Centers of Excellence (COE) when used in combination with CPT code 96101 and the UC modifier.** to the criteria for EPA 870001315 in the table for services that require expedited prior authorization (EPA) and the Coverage table for psychological testing as follows:

Services requiring EPA

EPA Code	Service Name	CPT/HCPCS/Modifier	Criteria
870001315	Psychological Testing	CPT: 96101 UC	EPA number 870001315 restricted to agency-designated autism Centers of Excellence (COE) when used in combination with CPT code 96101 and the UC modifier. Up to 7 hours for clients 20 years of age and younger for whom psychological testing is required to determine a definitive diagnosis for autism spectrum disorder and service is provided at an agency-designated Center of Excellence. Providers must bill with a UC modifier.

Coverage table for psychological testing

CPT Code	Modifier	Short Description	EPA/PA	Policy/Comments
96101	UC	Psycho testing by psych/phys	EPA #: 870001315	EPA number 870001315 Restricted to agency designated autism Center of Excellence (COE) when used in combination with CPT code 96101 and the UC modifier. Limit 7 units per lifetime for clients 20 years of age and younger with additional requirements.

For more details, see the "What has changed" table in the [Mental Health Services for Children, Psychiatric, and Psychological Services Medicaid Provider Guide](#).

Thank you.

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