

## MCG message

Title: **Clarification around neuropsychological testing**

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**Summary:** Requests for neuropsychological testing aren't solely based upon the mild to moderate persistently mentally ill conditions covered by the health plan, nor the moderate to severe persistently mentally ill conditions covered by the Pre-Paid Inpatient Health Plan. The purpose of the tests are to differentiate between an organic condition versus a behavioral condition.

Blue Cross Complete covers neuropsychological testing for these conditions:

- 1) If it is part of the psychological evaluation for bariatric surgery.
- 2) If it is part of the psychological evaluation for transgender surgery.
- 3) To rule out a diagnoses related to organic brain syndrome. (ex. Memory loss and dementia.)
- 4) To rule out pseudo seizures.
- 5) Residents within the city of Flint who have elevated lead serum levels.

Blue Cross Complete **does not** cover neuropsychological testing for these conditions:

- 1) Members already diagnosed with a **mental health condition** such as depression who are not responding to standard treatment.
- 2) Members with autism spectrum disorders.
- 3) Members who may be put on long-term opioid therapy.
- 4) Members with the possible diagnosis of hysteria.

All other conditions should be referred to fee-for-service Medicaid and the appropriate PIHP for authorization.

If Blue Cross Complete receives a claim for neuropsychological testing and the final diagnosis is mental health, it will be rejected and denied. If you have questions, please contact your Blue Cross Complete provider account executive or call Provider Inquiry at **1-888-312-5713**.