



POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL

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PA.228.CC- Cognitive Performance Testing

CountyCare considers **Cognitive Performance Testing** medically necessary for ALL of the following indications:

1. The member currently experiences one or more of the following:
 - a. Significant cognitive deficit
 - b. Mental status abnormality
 - c. Behavioral change
 - d. Memory loss that requires quantification, monitoring of change, or differentiation of cause,
- AND
2. Testing regarding member's abnormality is appropriate based on the suspected or confirmed diagnosis of one or more of the following:
 - a. Multiple sclerosis
 - b. Dementia or other cognitive impairment AND one or more of the following:
 - i. Initial evaluation needed when diagnosis or severity of disease is unclear
 - ii. Evaluation of significant deterioration needed when medication effect is suspected (eg, delirium due to medications) and differentiation from organic worsening cannot be determined by other means
 - c. HIV, Lyme disease, herpes encephalitis, or other infection-associated cognitive disorders with need for evaluation of significant cognitive deterioration to determine extent of organic cause and direct therapy
 - d. Primary progressive aphasia
 - e. Cerebrovascular disease
 - f. Huntington disease that is either prodromal or active disease
 - g. Traumatic or anoxic brain injury
 - h. Parkinson disease
 - i. Hydrocephalus
 - j. Epilepsy
 - k. Cerebral dysfunction from toxic exposure

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- l. Cerebral mass
- m. Toxic effects of specific cancer treatment
- n. Other diagnosis with strong evidence of, or known high risk for, cognitive impairment for which test results will help provide guidance regarding specific patient care needs,

AND

- 3. The results of Cognitive Performance Testing are likely to impact the member's care or treatment plan,

AND

- 4. The member is able and willing to actively participate in Cognitive Performance Testing,

AND

- 5. The member is not currently undergoing chronic substance use withdrawal or chronic substance use recovery, and does not have active substance use disorder.

Limitations:

Face-to-face administration of the test is required.

Background

A qualified health care professional administers standardized cognitive performance testing to evaluate the patient's immediate, recent, and remote memory; temporal and spatial orientation; general information recall; problem-solving and abstract reasoning abilities; organizational skills; and auditory processing and retention.

Codes:

Code	Description
96125	Standardized cognitive performance testing (eg, Ross Information Processing Assessment) per hour of a qualified health care professional's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report

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