



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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