



Billing Policies and Good Faith Estimate

No Surprises Act

The No Surprises Act of 2022 protects individuals covered under group and individual health plans from receiving unexpected medical bills for most emergency services, non-emergency services from out-of-network providers at in-network facilities, and services from out-of-network air ambulance providers. If you have private health insurance, these protections prohibit the most common types of surprise bills.

Health Insurance

Insurance coverage varies based on your assigned provider. Our providers are credentialed with Blue Cross/Blue Shield entities, Blue Cross/Blue Shield CHIP, UPMC Commercial, and UPMC CHIP. If you have a health insurance policy with these companies, we will assist with submitting forms and providing necessary documentation to help you access your benefits. However, you (not your insurance company) are responsible for full payment of our fees. It is important to contact your insurance provider to determine what psychological and neuropsychological testing services are covered under your policy. Coverage, copayments, and deductibles vary widely between plans. Our staff cannot determine the specifics of your plan, and you are responsible for any copayments, coinsurance, or deductibles associated with your services, which are due at the time of service.

If asked when contacting your insurance provider, a Neuropsychological Evaluation generally consists of the following components:

- **CPT Code 90791** – Diagnostic Interview
- **CPT Codes 96136/96137** – Psychological/Neuropsychological Testing
- **CPT Codes 96130/96131/96132/96133** – Psychological/Neuropsychological Evaluation Services
- **CPT Codes 90846/90847** – Family Therapy (for the Feedback Session discussing treatment planning/interventions)

You should inquire about:

1. Whether preauthorization is required for any of these services.
2. Any applicable copayments or coinsurance amounts.
3. Your deductible status and whether it has been met.

Preauthorizations: Some insurance companies require preauthorization for services. If necessary, we will submit the required information to obtain approval before testing. However, preauthorization does not guarantee reimbursement. If authorization limitations impact the ability to complete a comprehensive evaluation, we will discuss private pay options for additional recommended testing. If a preauthorization is required, the diagnostic interview and testing session must occur on separate dates to allow time for insurance processing.

Academic Testing: Insurance companies do not cover the academic portion of a neuropsychological evaluation, including assessments of reading, arithmetic, spelling, and written language skills. Some insurers may also categorize IQ testing as "psychoeducational," making it ineligible for reimbursement. We will discuss any limitations with you, and you may choose to pay privately for these assessments. The need for academic testing will be reviewed during the clinical interview. The fee for academic testing is \$450, though it may be reduced if only specific areas require assessment.

Private Pay

If you are uninsured or choose not to use your health insurance for services, the No Surprises Act allows you to receive a good faith estimate of service costs upfront. Below is our fee schedule:

Evaluation and Therapy Services Fee Schedule

(Effective February 25, 2025)

- **Neuropsychological/Psychological Assessment** – \$2,000. Includes a diagnostic interview, test administration, scoring, interpretation, report generation, and feedback session.
- **Diagnostic Interview** – \$300. Includes a limited report of history, concerns, and recommendations.
- **Academic Achievement Only** – This fee may be reduced based on the scope of assessment. Partial academic add-on to a standard neuropsychological/psychological assessment is prorated but generally \$250. Full academic add-on is \$500. Academic achievement as a standalone service is \$1,200.
- **Early Childhood Assessment** – \$1,000. Includes a diagnostic interview, limited neuropsychological/psychological testing (including ADOS when relevant and rating forms), report generation, and feedback session.
- **Career Assessment** – \$400. Includes a brief assessment battery tailored to career exploration.
- **Public Safety/Police Candidate Assessment** – \$350. Includes evaluations for Act 235 and Act 120 eligibility.
- **Seminary and Religious Order Assessments** – \$425. Includes psychological and personality assessments for candidates.
- **Exploratory Assessments** – \$350. Includes a combination of standardized measures, clinical interview, and structured self-reflection to develop a comprehensive understanding of an individual's cognitive, emotional, and behavioral patterns.
- **Forensic Assessment** – Prices vary based on legal circumstances. Most services range from \$1,500–\$4,000. A specific fee agreement will be established in writing before services begin.
- **Therapy Services (Psychologist)** – \$200/hour.
- **Legal and Forensic Fee Policy** - If our clinical evaluations (excluding forensic) are used in court, additional fees will be incurred. Due to the complexities of legal cases, a fee of \$400 per hour applies to preparation and participation in legal proceedings. For forensic evaluations, the rate is also \$400 per hour for all services. Additionally, if a report from a clinical evaluation is released for legal use, an additional flat fee of \$2,000 is required from the attorney, in addition to hourly fees.

For any questions regarding billing, insurance, or service fees, please contact **Bridges Psychological Assessment, PLLC**. Our billing lead, **Dr. Madeline Nassida, PsyD**, is available to assist with any concerns regarding payment policies or the billing process.

Signature of Patient: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Witness: _____

Date: _____