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If you are interested in pursuing insurance coverage it is imperative that you read this carefully several weeks prior to your appointment. The following information has been prepared to assist you in your efforts to determine if neuropsychological services are covered under your health insurance. Please remember, your insurance benefit is a contract between you and your insurance company. **Child Neuropsychology PC** does not bill insurance directly and cannot be responsible for benefit quotes but we will provide you with all of the information you need to file your insurance claim.

You may have to educate your insurance claims representative about neuropsychology and why this is important for your child. A neuropsychological evaluation is a *diagnostic method* that evaluates brain/behavior relationships in the context of what is known about child development, brain development, and the developmental expectations at different ages. It is typically billed under medical diagnostic codes but you should clarify whether your policy covers neuropsychological services under medical or behavioral health plans since it can impact your rate of reimbursement. You also need to know if preauthorization is required. Neuropsychological evaluations conducted by neuropsychologists are not about which tests are used; tests are just tools. Evaluations are impacted by the type of training and the experience of the evaluator, factors that influence the process of inquiry and how the data are analyzed. All evaluations at **Child Neuropsychology PC** are conducted by *neuropsychologists*; psychologists who finished their doctoral training and then completed 2-year post doctoral fellowships in pediatric neuropsychology at nationally recognized training programs. You and your child will not be seen by a general child psychologist, a psychology technician, or a student/trainee. Knowing the difference can help guide your conversation with your insurance company as they assess whether or not they have a qualified in-network provider who is able to meet your needs.

Some insurance policies do not cover neuropsychological evaluations. In this case there is nothing we can do to help you get insurance coverage. Some policies cover this service easily and quickly but many factors affect how much coverage you have. For example, some companies cover neuropsychology under medical benefits only if the child is hospitalized; some provide different rates of reimbursement for the same procedure depending on whether it is processed under medical or behavioral health policies; some companies extend coverage for some neurodevelopmental conditions but not others; some cover out-of-network providers at reduced percentage rates or not at all; and some companies provide full out-of network benefits if it is determined that a qualified neuropsychologist is not available in their service network. Since this service does not fall into a standard category it is important for you to be prepared and diligent when getting your questions answered. Do not hesitate to ask to speak to a supervisor if the clerk you are working with is unfamiliar with neuropsychological evaluations. To further help you with this process, please see the *Insurance Worksheet* that is available under the “Forms” tab on our website: childneuropsychologypc.com.