

## **PSYCHOLOGIST'S AND COUNSELOR'S ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT GUIDELINES**

### **ONLY**

*~ LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS*

*~ LICENSED EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGISTS*

*~ CREDENTIALLED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS...*

### **CAN BILL INITIAL AND TRI-ENNIAL ASSESSMENTS.**

THESE ARE ENCOUNTER BASED AND BILLED AT A FLAT RATE. IT DOES NOT MATTER THE TIME OR TESTS IT TAKES TO COMPLETE THE ASSESSMENT.

**WE BILL MEDI-CAL ONE UNIT BASED ON THE INITIAL DATE OF CONTACT.** IF AN ASSESSMENT TAKES 4 DAYS TO COMPLETE YOU ONLY PUT THE INITIAL CONTACT DATE ON THE FORM. ALL OF THE ACTIVITY RELATED TO ASSESSMENT, I.E... SCORING AND REPORT WRITING IS FACTORED INTO THE RATE.

### **ONLY**

*~ L.C.S.W.s*

*~ CREDENTIALLED SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS*

*~ LICENSED M.F.T.'s*

*~ CREDENTIALLED SCHOOL COUNSELORS...*

### **CAN BILL PSYCHO - SOCIAL STATUS ASSESSMENTS.**

**THESE ARE TIME BASED ASSESSMENTS AND CAN BE BILLED OVER MULTIPLE DAYS.**

WE BILL MEDI-CAL IN 15 MINUTE INCREMENTS. A UNIT IS CONSIDERED A COMPLETED 15 MINUTE BLOCK OF TIME.

THE SAME RULES APPLY FOR FREQUENCY OF ASSESSMENTS. PSYCHO - SOCIALS ARE :

INITIALS ~ ONE PER STUDENT LIFETIME PER PROVIDER

TRI-ENNIALS ~ ONE EVERY THIRD YEAR PER PROVIDER

ANNUALS ~ ONE PER YEAR PER PROVIDER WHEN AN INITIAL OR TRI. IS NOT BILLED

AMENDED ~ ONE PER YEAR PER PROVIDER

### **DIRECT THERAPY ~ IN ALL CASES THE TREATMENT MUST BE IEP DRIVEN.**

ALL PROVIDERS MAY BILL FOR DIRECT TREATMENT ( Except Cred. School Counselors ).

THIS IS TIME BASED BILLING. WE BILL BOTH INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP SESSIONS.

FOR INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS 1 UNIT IS 15 - 45 MINS. ALL TIME OVER THAT IS BILLED IN 15 MIN. INCREMENTS. YOU ARE ALLOWED TO "ROUND-UP" IF THE EXTRA TIME IS AT LEAST 7 MINS.

FOR GROUP SESSIONS 1 UNIT IS 15 - 45 MINS. WE BILL MEDI-CAL FOR EACH STUDENT IN THE GROUP. THE SAME "ROUND-UP" ALLOWANCE IS MADE.