

Temporary Telemedicine Services Codes for Psychologists, Licensed Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed (clinical) Social Workers Eligible to Provide Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing

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The following codes for *Intake* and *Testing* as listed in the Alabama Medicaid Provider Billing Manual Chapter 34 have been opened for billing via telemedicine/telepsychology/telehealth: **90791, 96116, 96121, 96130, 96131, 96132, 96133, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139, and 96146**. When billing for these services, please note you must file the claim with Place of Service 02 (telemedicine) and a modifier of 'CR' (catastrophic/disaster) in the last modifier position.

**In regard to testing:**

Several of the testing suppliers have processes in place for administering tests online and with a link that can be emailed and completed remotely.

In addition to the standard documentation requirements criteria (i.e. recipient name, who administered the test, date(s) of testing, start and end times etc. as outlined in the provider billing manual), you **MUST** also document in the note, medical record or testing log info sheet the name of the test, vendor/supplier and retain proof of purchase. Furthermore, you will need to follow whatever guidelines or directives set forth by the supplier for remote administration and/or COVID-19 standards.

You may use any company of your choice that offers telemedicine testing, for self-reporting test types (i.e. BASC-3, MACI, BRIEF, Gilliam Autism Rating Scales, MCMI-III). The following companies are listed below for your convenience:

<https://www.pearsonassessments.com/professional-assessments/digital-solutions/telepractice/products.html>

<https://www.pearsonassessments.com/content/dam/school/global/clinical/us/assets/telepractice/Letter-of-no-objection.pdf>

<https://mhs.com>

<https://mhs.com/clinical-assessments/online-assessment-center/>

<https://sassi.com/about-us/>

<https://www.sassionline.com>

<https://www.parinc.com>

<https://www.parinc.com/Using-PAR-digital-assessments-during-the-COVID-19-crisis>

The only company approved for IQ, Projective, Achievement testing/assessment is Qinteractive (a Pearson software) which offers interactive for IQ testing.

<https://www.helloq.com.au/tests>

The Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children–Fifth Edition (WISC–V; Wechsler, 2014) can be administered in a telepractice context by using digital tools from Q-global®, Pearson’s secure online-testing platform. Specifically, Q-global digital assets (e.g., stimulus books) can be shown via the screen-sharing features of teleconference platforms to an examinee in another location.

### **Q-Interactive Test Library:**

<https://www.pearsonassessments.com/content/dam/school/global/clinical/us/assets/telepractice/Q-global-free-resource-library.pdf>

<https://www.pearsonassessments.com/content/dam/school/global/clinical/us/assets/telepractice/guidance-documents/telepractice-and-the-wisc-v.pdf>

Projective testing can be performed with Theranest <https://theranest.com/hipaa-compliant-video-conferencing/> , Doxy.me, etc. (or similar vendors) with a video camera. -The images are shown to the recipient, and you document the response(s) on their behalf.

Most of your Personality Assessments can be completed through questionnaires or by reading the items to the recipients and documenting responses on their behalf over a video feed.

Informative resources:

[Pearson Assessments](#)

[Pearson and Telepractice](#)

[Telepractice Assessment Tools](#)

During the COVID-19 emergency, it is important to file claims as quickly as possible to ensure payment from Medicaid is made to Medicaid providers close to the date of service.

Alabama Medicaid will review and verify that requirements for the extension of telemedicine services are being met. Payments to providers that do not meet the specifications are subject to recoupment.

If you have questions, please visit the Medicaid website at [www.medicaid.alabama.gov](http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov) , or call the Medicaid Fiscal Agent at 1.800.688.7989.

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