## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Billing Manual Policy Clarifications:

The psychologist must employ the allied mental health professional or the professional must be employed by the same entity that employs the psychologist. At this time the Alabama Medicaid Agency will allow for the 1099 contractual relationships.

The record must show the tests performed, scoring and interpretation, as well as the time involved (time started and time ended---excluding time spent for interpretation of tests). At this time the Alabama Medicaid Agency will allow for the total time spent for interpretation of tests to be billed without having to document the start and end times.

Procedure codes 96101 and 96102 can be billed separately or in combination with code 96103 for no more than five hours per year. Procedure code 96103 can only be billed for one encounter per year. The sentence should read: Procedure codes 96101 and 96102 can be billed separately or in combination with code 96103 for no more than five hours per year. Please disregard the sentence: Procedure code 96103 can only be billed for one encounter per year. This statement will be deleted in the October 2010 Provider Manual updates for Chapter 34.

Services performed by an allied mental health professional must be billed using the appropriate modifier to identify their discipline. The use of a modifier is <u>not</u> necessary when billing for testing codes as they are already priced at a professional work value.