



PROVIDER ALERT

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Clarification of requirements for Best Practice/ Life Domain Evaluations and doctoral level BSC services

Due to recent requests for clarification from providers, Community Care is issuing this provider alert to clarify requirements for completion of Best Practice Evaluations as well as the requirements for billing for Ph.D. level BSC services. Please note that effective immediately, the following BHRS procedures/services may be delivered and billed by individuals with qualifications and training as specified below.

With respect to the Psychological Evaluations for initial or ongoing BHRS requests, the licensed practitioner (psychologist, psychiatrist, or developmental pediatrician) must personally participate in a face-to-face evaluation/interview/ mental status examination of the client. However, other staff members who are designated by and directly supervised by the licensed practitioner may complete additional intake, data collection, or assessment procedures necessary for this evaluation. The required expertise of these licensed clinicians is further clarified in the Medical Assistance Bulletin 01-94-01.

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Requirement</u>
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H0032 HP	Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Ph.D. 1. Licensed doctoral level psychologist 2. Licensed master’s level psychologist
H0032 HO	Behavioral Specialist Consultant- Masters Level 1. Unlicensed Doctoral level MH clinician* 2. Licensed or Unlicensed master’s level MH clinician* (e.g. MSW, LSW, LPC) Except Masters level licensed psychologists who can bill for Ph.D. level BSC
90801 HA preparation	Initial Psychological Evaluation- Best Practice/Life Model Domain with report 1. Licensed master’s level or doctoral level psychologist 2. Psychiatrist 3. Developmental pediatrician
90801 EP	Psychological Evaluation- Best Practice/Life Domain Model with report preparation 1. Licensed master’s level or doctoral level psychologist 2. Psychiatrist 3. Developmental pediatrician

*with documented training in the field of behavioral modification techniques or supervision by a licensed psychologist

If you have questions related to this clarification please contact your BHRS care manager.

