

About Your Request for Psychological Testing

Time and Cost

The appointment for administering tests usually takes two hours. Some tests take longer.

A written evaluation report will be ready about 14 days from the date the testing was done.

We charge full fee for psychological evaluations, and we require payment before any tests are given. The secretary can quote you the fee, based upon the tests to be done. Testing is almost never covered by insurance or by the Medicaid mental health program. They pay only for people who are already in treatment and who need testing in order to achieve better results. Any evaluations for waivers, disability services, benefits, program qualifications, employment, promotion, education, ADA accommodations, or for use with a court are not on a sliding-scale discount and must be paid by the client or by the agency that has requested the evaluation.

If you are determining a child's eligibility for special education, the law requires your school district to provide testing or to pay for it. Contact your school district, or the state office of Special Education at 682-4222.

Tests for a Court

If the testing is for use in court, the Clinical Director must review the court order and clarify any questions before an appointment can be scheduled. See "About Your Request for Court-Ordered Services". If you need testimony or a deposition in addition to the written report, there will be an extra charge. The cost depends on how much time is needed to prepare and appear. We require payment in advance for expert testimony.

Other Options for Psychological Testing:

If you need a report more quickly, or prefer to use another resource, there are many professionals and offices listed in the Yellow Pages who offer psychological evaluation services. Here are a few examples.

Many evaluations for court, child custody cases, and schools are done by:

Nicholas Paal, PhD 664-9050 Glenn Lowitz, PhD 225-8382 James Moneypenny, PhD, 227-7044

Many evaluations for people who are requesting weight loss surgery or pain treatment are done by:

Mike Parker, PhD, 312 -9900 Ken Counts, PhD 225-9200 Cheralyn Powers, PhD, 228-7400

Many "neuropsychological" evaluations (brain injury, strokes, and possible organic disorders) are done by:

Michael Inman, PhD, 202 -7617 Betsy Speck-Kern, PhD, 664 -1050

Help Us Select the Most Appropriate Tests

If a school, doctor, or organization has suggested that you get a test, please have them write a letter stating what the purpose is and whether they need any particular tests. We will not be able to choose the appropriate test or quote an accurate price until we know this. PCA offers these general types of tests: Intelligence (IQ), Achievement, Vocational (Career), and Objective Personality Assessments, and Adaptive Functioning. We do not offer Rorschachs ("inkblot test").

We will need your answers to these questions when you call to schedule, so we can select appropriate tests:

- Does the person have any problem with vision or hearing?
- Can the person read and write English?
- Does the person have any problems with speaking?
- Does the person have any mobility or motor problems? Do they use a wheelchair?
- Has the person ever been tested before? If so, when and by whom?
- Is the person receiving medication for "Attention Deficit Disorder?" For any other emotional, psychiatric, or neurological problems? If so, for how long?

If you need evaluation for "Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD or ADHD), note that testing is usually NOT the place to begin. We would schedule an intake interview and behavioral assessment as a first step.

If you have any questions, please call (501) 221-1843 and ask to speak with a manager.