 KMTSJ, Inc.	DEPARTMENT:	Utilization Management
	SUBJECT:	Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing
	PRODUCT LINE:	ALL
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SCOPE: To ensure Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire consistently and correctly administers the psychological and neuropsychological testing benefit to all members according to their respective policy.

POLICY: It is the policy of Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire to review prior authorization requests for psychological and neuropsychological tests to determine medical necessity.

PROCEDURE: Prior Authorization Required: YES

PA requests for psychological and neuropsychological testing are considered medically necessary for members who meet all the following criteria:


1. Testing must meet InterQual criteria, AND
2. More conservative methods of evaluating the condition must have been tried, AND
3. Results of testing must impact medical management of the condition, AND
4. The test requested must be age appropriate, AND
5. Test must be medically indicated for the condition, AND
6. Time requested must be appropriate based on standardized guidelines for test administration according to the publisher of the respective test, AND
7. Autism and psychological testing for spinal cord stimulator implantation need to meet the following:
 - a. Autism evaluations: A maximum of 3 hours will be approved for initial autism spectrum disorder (ASD) evaluations for completion of the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS). A diagnosis of ASD or other qualifying condition must be established before a request for neuropsychological testing will be considered.
 - b. Spinal cord stimulator evaluations: Prior to any approval for psychological testing, the spinal cord stimulator trial must be approved.

Determining time allotted for administering tests

The Buros website is used to determine the time allotted for testing. Go to the Buros website. Click on "Test Reviews and Information." Then, search for the particular test. Then click on the publisher website link which will provide information on test administration time. If the test is not on the Buros website, then do an internet search to find the publisher of the test. One additional hour may be approved when appropriate to allow the provider to give feedback to the member on testing results.

Exclusions: Psychological and neuropsychological evaluations and testing for the following indications are not covered.

1. Third party requests: Any examination, evaluation, or other service for information purposes to be provided to another party including but not limited to services for vocational, disability, guardianship, and child custody purposes. These requests are contract exclusions because they are not medically necessary.

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- 2. Learning difficulties/academic abilities: Testing for educational purposes is a contract exclusion under the medical benefit because testing for learning disabilities is not medically necessary. Federal and state special education legislation requires the school district to evaluate and provide testing for learning disabilities.

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Formal policies and procedures require department manager review, approval and signature. Executive and/or administrative policies and procedures require CEO/General Manager review, approval and signature.

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