

### Testing Accepted for Disability Determination by Developmental Pathways

#### **Cognitive/IQ tests:**

- 1) Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scales of Intelligence-IV (WPPSI-IV)
- 2) Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children-V (WISC-V)
- 3) Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale-IV (WAIS-IV)
- 4) Stanford Binet Intelligence Scales-V (SB5)
- 5) Leiter International Performance Scale, Third Edition (Leiter-3)
- 6) Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children-II (KABC-II)
- 7) Differential Abilities Scale-II (DAS-II)
- 8) Woodcock-Johnson IV (WJ IV)
- 9) Reynolds Intellectual Assessment Scales, Second Edition (RIAS-2)

#### **Non-Verbal Tests:**

- 1) Universal Non-Verbal Intelligence Test, Second Edition (UNIT 2)
- 2) Comprehensive Test of Non-Verbal Intelligence, Second Edition (CTONI-2)
- 3) Leiter International Performance Scale, Third Edition (Leiter-3)
- 4) Wechsler Non-Verbal

#### **Adaptive tests:**

*Adaptive testing will only be accepted if testing occurred within the last 3 years and is accompanied by a qualifying neurological diagnosis.*

- 1) Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Third Edition (Vineland 3)
- 2) Adaptive Behavior Assessment System, Third Edition (ABAS-3)
- 3) Adaptive Behavior Evaluation Scale-Revised (ABES-R2)
- 4) Scales of Independent Behavior- Revised (SIB-R)

\*We will accept older editions of the tests that are listed on this form.

## Resources for Adaptive and Cognitive Testing

Agency Name	Phone number	Insurance accepted *may be subject to change
Brain and Body Integration <a href="http://www.brainandbodyintegration.org/">http://www.brainandbodyintegration.org/</a>	719-357-6471	Medicaid; accepts a variety of insurance; currently not accepting Spanish referrals
The Child Development Unit at Children's Hospital Colorado (Developmental Pediatrics)	720-777-6630	Will complete full evaluation or adaptive testing. Parents cannot self-refer and DP is not considered a referral source. A referral will be needed from your child's PCP to the CDU for adaptive testing.
Consultants for Children <a href="http://www.consultantsforchildren.com/">http://www.consultantsforchildren.com/</a>	720-272-1289	Aetna, BC/BS, Cigna, CNIC, CO HealthOP, Humana, Kaiser, Rocky Mtn Health Plans, TriCare, United Behavioral Health, Value Options (if not listed, call and they can work with families)
Developmental Disability Consultants <a href="http://www.ddconsultants.org">www.ddconsultants.org</a>	303-337-2210	Tricare
Developmental FX <a href="http://www.developmentalfx.org">www.developmentalfx.org</a>	303-333-8360	Medicaid, United, Kaiser
Elevated Insights <a href="http://www.elevatedinsights.org/">http://www.elevatedinsights.org/</a>	303-756-1197	Accepts Medicaid; Will complete assessments in Spanish; Specializes in autism testing, and psychological assessment for children, adolescents, and young adults
Emerge Professionals <a href="http://www.emergeprofessionals.com">www.emergeprofessionals.com</a>	303-322-9000	Aetna, Anthem, Cigna, Humana, TriCare, UHC
Rebecca Howard, Psy.D. <a href="http://www.psychtestingcolorado.com/">http://www.psychtestingcolorado.com/</a>	303-730-8083	Optum, Rocky Mountain Health Plans, Colorado CoOp Health Insurance, Cigna Healthcare, United Healthcare
Insights: Colorado Assessment and Therapy <a href="http://www.insightsdenver.com/">http://www.insightsdenver.com/</a>	303-935-5307 720-837-2158 720-837-2159	Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
JFK Partners <a href="http://www.jfkpartners.org">www.jfkpartners.org</a>	303-724-7643; Not working For pediatric evaluation: 720-777-6630	Private insurance and Medicaid; require referral from PCP; current wait time is 6 months
Kimel Psychological Services Lila Kimel, PhD <a href="http://www.kimelpsych.com">www.kimelpsych.com</a>	303-369-1777	Medicaid, and Kaiser with preapproval; testing available in English and Spanish
Legacy Comprehensive Counseling and Consulting <a href="http://www.legacyparker.com">www.legacyparker.com</a>	303-841-4005	Tricare, BC/BS, United, Aetna, Cigna, Humana
Rocky Mountain Human Services	303-368-3822	
Spectra Autism Center Amy Gearhart, CEO <a href="http://www.spectracenter.org">http://www.spectracenter.org</a>	303-665-6800 (main number)	Medicaid, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Kaiser, United

\*Check with insurance provider for prior authorization



# THE ROLE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTING IN ACCESSING MEDICAID SERVICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **Why has my child been referred for neuropsychological or IQ/Adaptive testing?**

Your physician or clinic may have referred your child to a Neuropsychology unit at a local hospital for testing to determine how to best plan for your child's future. These test scores may allow your child to access programs and services such as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) or Early Intervention (EI) benefits. Home and Community Based Services waiver<sup>1</sup> programs do not require a neuropsychological evaluation to be completed. If you are interested in accessing a waiver, ask your physician if they would be willing to refer your child for just IQ/adaptive testing. This testing is available in many more places and may not require you to be on a wait list as neuropsychological evaluations done in a hospital might. Please visit with your referring provider to understand what specific testing is needed and if it can be completed in multiple visits rather than waiting for a single visit.

## **What is the difference between each type of testing?**

### **Neuropsychological testing:**

Neuropsychological testing is the consultation and evaluation regarding the relationship of abilities, behaviors and mental skills to changes in brain functioning and integrity in infants, children and teens. Neuropsychological tests evaluate functioning in several areas including: intelligence, executive functions (such as planning, abstraction, and conceptualization), attention, memory, language, perception, sensorimotor functions, motivation, mood state and emotion, quality of life, and personality styles.

### **IQ/Adaptive testing:**

IQ tests such as the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale or the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children are tests providers can use when measuring intelligence. Scores obtained can help persons with self-awareness, self-understanding and making plans for schooling and/or career choices. Reports can be used by professionals assessing for career planning, school placement and problem diagnosis. For example, when diagnosing ADHD, learning disabilities and dyslexia, it is

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/long-term-services-and-supports-programs>

important to rule out other cognitive dysfunction.

Adaptive behavior assessments such as the Vineland Scale of Adaptive Behavior are also used to determine the type and amount of special assistance that people with disabilities may need. This assistance might be in the form of home-based support services for infants and children and their families, special education and vocational training for young people, and supported work or special living arrangements such as personal care attendants, group homes, or nursing homes for adults. Adaptive behavior assessments are often used in preschool and special education programs for determining eligibility, for program planning, and for assessing outcomes

## **What if I need a Developmental Disability Determination to access waiver services or other services for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities?**

In Colorado, a person must have an impairment of general intellectual functioning and/or adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability, or related condition, to have a determination of developmental disability for the purpose of receiving HCBS waiver services. The complete definition and requirements for a Determination of Developmental Disability can be found at 10 CCR 2505-10 §8.600.4 Definitions and 10 CCR 2505-10 8.607.2 Determination of Developmental Disability respectively. Please contact your local Community Centered Board (CCB) for additional information.

In order to receive the Developmental Disability Determination, a request must be submitted to the CCB, in writing by the individual, parent, and/or legal guardian. Contact your local CCB to obtain information on submitting a request.

## **Where can I get neuropsychological and/or IQ/Adaptive testing?**

Testing can be administered at schools, by psychologists, behavioral service providers and at some Community Mental Health Centers. It's important to note this testing must be administered by an approved provider. You can also consult your primary care provider (PCP) or pediatrician to refer you to professionals qualified to administer an IQ test or adaptive behavior assessment.

## **Who can help me find a provider?**

If your PCP or clinic is not aware of available providers, you can call your local Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) or Community Centered Board (CCB) for assistance in locating a provider for the testing needed.

For RAE information please visit this link: [Regional Accountable Entities](#) and scroll down to the **Regional Organization** information.

For the CCB information please visit this link: [Community Centered Boards](#).

## **Who is responsible for the cost of the testing?**

If an individual is enrolled in Medicaid, Medicaid will cover the cost of the testing if it is provided by a qualified Medicaid provider. The provider must be enrolled as a qualifying Medicaid provider type in order to bill Medicaid. Individuals and families cannot be

charged for the testing if the person is enrolled in Medicaid.

Testing must be considered medically necessary to be covered by Medicaid.

Some private insurances may cover the cost as well. If an individual is in school, check with the school to see if they will conduct the test.

## **What happens when the testing is complete?**

This depends on why you needed the testing. If it is to access state plan benefits, you or the individual agency that administered the test can provide a copy to the provider who made the referral for testing so additional future and service planning can begin.

If you need access to waiver services, the test results should be submitted to the CCB. The CCB will use the information to make a Developmental Disability Determination.

All documentation needed to complete the Developmental Disability Determination must be provided to the CCB within 90 calendar days from the day a request for determination was made. If the necessary documentation and information are not provided within 90 days, the CCB will close the request and provide written notification of this action. An individual, parent, or legal guardian may request an extension of time, up to 90 calendar days, to provide the information. The deadline cannot exceed 180 calendar days.

## **What are my responsibilities related to applying for a waiver?**

Once the CCB has determined the individual to have a developmental disability, the CCB discusses program options. If an individual wishes to receive waiver services, the CCB will conduct a level of care determination and the individual must apply for Medicaid through the local County Department of Human or Social Services.

## **Contact Information**

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