

Payment Options Available at Psychological Testing Consultants for a Neuropsychological and Psycho-Educational Testing Evaluation or an ADHD Evaluation

The fee for a full-battery Neuropsychological and Psycho-Educational Testing Evaluation is **\$3,680**. Please note that a Neuropsychological and Psycho-Educational Testing Evaluation includes an ADHD evaluation. The fee for an ADHD evaluation when conducted separately is **\$690**. The issues we address with a Neuropsychological and Psycho-Educational Testing Evaluation are eligibility for special education and prescriptive special education program planning. BC/BS indemnity plans (not HMO Blue) may pay out-of-network providers for these services.

With the one exception of BC/BS plans with out-of-network benefits explained above, all insurance plans **exclude neuropsychological and psycho-educational testing from coverage when the testing is deemed educationally related**. All requests for neuropsychological testing are denied unless the child has a history of brain injury or other central nervous system damage, e.g., traumatic brain injury, stroke, tumor, birth complication.

My practice and those of other practitioners who provide services for the diagnosis of LD (dyslexia, dysgraphia, and dyscalculia) and severe emotional disturbance impacting education, are paid out of pocket by **check or credit card**, by **monthly installment plans**, or through **patient loan services**, e.g., Freedom Consultancy.

Additional Information on Payment Options Available at Psychological Testing Consultants is below.

1. The evaluation can be funded by Freedom Consultancy a credit service similar to CareCredit used for dentistry. I believe no interest is charged if paid off in 12 months.
http://freedomconsultancy.com/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email_id=5&wysijap=subscriptions&user_id=16105
2. Monthly installment payments over 12 months on a Promissory Note with accrued interest at 18% annually.
3. Credit Card or check split into two payments - \$1600 (ADHD evaluation \$300) on the first day of testing and \$1600 (ADHD evaluation \$300) when the report is delivered to you.
4. If your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP) through the public school district, you can request an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE). Information about your right to request an IEE can be found by clicking on the link at the bottom of the About Us page of our website. Also you can find the steps to request an IEE by clicking on Dr. Andrews' blog (every page of the website has a link) and scroll to the posting "13 steps to take if you suspect your child has dyslexia..." A sample letter for requesting an IEE can be found at <https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/evaluations/evaluation-basics/toolkit-for-parents-sample-letters-for-requesting-evaluations-and-reports>

In MA, the school district is required to fund an IEE at a parent's request up to the State Rate Setting Commission's allowed rate which in MA is approximately \$74 per hr. for neuropsychological testing up to 12 hours of service. The school district contracts with me as a vendor and forwards me a check of \$899.28 after receiving the report with invoicing and after it is authorized by the district's warrant committee 1-2 months later. For a full battery neuropsych testing evaluation, my clients pay me in two payments - \$1600 at the time of the 1st testing appointment and \$1600 when I deliver the finished report. When I receive the district's payment, I deposit the check and reimburse you that amount. The school district might provide you with a list of providers who accept the state rate as payment in full, but I caution you that it is dubious to consider them as truly independent evaluators.

5. SJ Personal Healthcare Advocates provides health insurance claims, advocacy, and management services for individuals and families.
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