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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Billing for the Test of Variable of Attention (T.O.V.A.)

The T.O.V.A., a neurological test of vigilance, speed and variability of visual information processing and the ability to inhibit response, was developed by Lawrence M. Greenberg, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Minnesota.

The T.O.V.A., which is a continuous performance test, is used by clinicians to assess attentional processes in children and adults with suspected neurological impairment (e.g., organic brain syndrome) and to reliably measure the effects of medication on brain functions.

The T.O.V.A. uses nonlinguistic stimuli and is extensively normed. It reliably differentiates normal from attentionally impaired. Since it has no practice effects, it is often initially administered twice in one day to compare baseline (no medication) to challenge test (on medication) results. In some cases, one or more test must be obtained to “titrate” dosage level to obtain optimal response. The T.O.V.A. generally is repeated 4-6 weeks after medication is initiated to determine clinical efficacy. Baseline and challenge testing is repeated every 6-12 months to determine whether medication continues to be needed and to monitor the effectiveness of the dosage level of the medication.

The T.O.V.A. is administered by a specially trained professional, not technicians, and is interpreted by the staff administering the test or by a Certified T.O.V.A. Interpreter. In either case, the fee includes costs of hardware, software, administration, interpretation and report. Consistent with other highly specialized tests, a total time charge of one hour for each T.O.V.A. is considered appropriate.

The charge for the T.O.V.A. test is **\$180.00**.

- It has been our experience that Insurance companies are not covering this test as they do not consider it to be “medically necessary”.
- For this reason, *we ask that the fee be paid at the time of the test at a charge of \$150.00.*
- We are **NO LONGER** providing any coding for you to submit to your insurance company for reimbursement because it is not cost effective for the office.
- However, we are more than willing to file the claim to your insurance company with the knowledge that should they deny payment for the test you will pay the Full \$180.00.