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Answers to the questions your insurance company may ask:

1) I am not a preferred provider in your network.

2) I am licensed as a clinical psychologist in the state of California. My license number is PSY14261. My tax ID is 20-4969484. My national provider identifier is 1407010374.

3) What I will be doing as part of the evaluation:

Procedure	Insurance code	Cost
1.2 hours initial interview	CPT 90791	($400/hr)
14 hours neuropsychological testing*	CPT 96118	($250/hr)
8 hours psychological testing*	CPT 96101	($250/hr)
1.2 hours feedback session	CPT 90847	($400/hr)

* Codes 96101 and 96118 include hours spent in the office administering tests, *as well as* the hours spent afterwards, scoring tests, interpreting results, and writing the report

4) Cost of the evaluation is $6,300

If your insurance company tells you that your reimbursement will be contigent on the diagnosis, ask to speak to a supervisor who will (hopefully) understand that the above codes refer to a diagnostic procedure, and that what they are proposing is akin to saying they will pay for x-rays only if you have a fracture. If the diagnosis were known, there would be no reason to do this testing.

If your insurance company tells you they have to speak to the doctor (me) before authorizing testing, tell them they need to authorize a "90791" before that conversation can happen. This code (90791) refers to our initial meeting, at which I gather information from you about the problems for which you are seeking testing. It is only after this meeting takes place that I will understand the issues in enough detail to explain to the insurance company why the testing is needed.

Some insurance plans may reimburse you for my services if there is no comparable in-network provider within a certain geographical proximity to you. You might inquire with your insurance company if this is so, and determine whether they can provide you a "board certified neuropsychologist" or, for children, a board certified neuropsychologist" in-network.

Good luck! And please feel free to call if I can clarify anything further.

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