

How Medicare pays for mental health services

Legacy Psychological Services, LLC, is a Medicare Part B provider and accepts Medicare fee schedules. Here's how our billing works. We will bill at our usual hourly rate, then collect from Medicare and the client what Medicare allows, and then adjust or write off the difference. If you are a member of a Medicare HMO, our psychologists may be members of your HMO's provider panel.

After you have met your annual \$183 deductible, Medicare Part B pays 80% of the allowable amount for diagnostic interviews, testing, and psychotherapy/counseling services. If you have Medicare gap-filler or supplemental health insurance, then this plan may pay a portion or all of the remainder of the fee. You are responsible for the balance of the bill that is not paid by Medicare and your secondary Medicare gap-filler insurance. If you are on Medicaid, you pay nothing, and you will not be billed at all.

Here is a recent list of Medicare allowable fees. Fees change from year to year.

Initial interview	\$ 127.74	Individual counseling 50 min	\$121.74
Testing services per hour	\$ 82.71	Individual counseling 45 min	\$ 80.04
		Individual counseling 20 min.	\$ 61.01

Here is a brief summary of our billing process:

Step 1: We bill Medicare and Medicare pays its share of the allowed amount.

Step 2: After Medicare has paid, the bill is forwarded to your secondary/supplemental insurance company, which pays its share of the charges.

Step 3: We will adjust your account, write off or deduct any charges above the Medicare allowable amount, and send a statement to you to pay the balance.

Step 4: You pay the balance if there is one.

We send out statements every month. These reflect all of the activity on your account for each month. This will include services, insurance billings and payments, adjustments or write-offs, and your payments. You will only receive a bill if you will have to make a payment. We expect payment within 30 days. We contract out our billing and account management services. Gene Goedtke is our account manager at (800) 257-3627. We work hard to be accurate and to address client billing questions promptly.

Legacy Psychological Services is concerned about protecting Medicare's coverage for mental health services. Thus, he will provide only those services necessary and helpful. Psychological services are provided at the request of your doctor. You have a right to decline or discontinue services. Your communications are protected and confidential in all but a few instances. Information may be shared with your doctor regarding your diagnosis and progress.

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