This policy establishes the specifications for Diagnostic Evaluation Services for children age birth through 20 and their families who have mental health or behavioral health needs.

Required Practices

Any deviations to the following information must be documented with Supervisory Approval.

I. The CPSW/JPPO must obtain Supervisor approval prior to making a recommendation for Diagnostic Evaluation Services.

II. Payment for Diagnostic Evaluation Services is authorized when:

A. Ordered by the Court; or

B. A CPSW/JPPO has entered into a voluntary agreement between DCYF and the family.

III. The CPSW/JPPO must:

A. Document the need for services in the case record;

B. Notify Provider Relations that the service has been authorized until the evaluation is completed and provide the begin date of service; and

C. Share the necessary case information to complete the evaluation with the provider.

IV. The Community and Family Support Specialist, Provider Relations, and the CPSW/JPPO will work together to support any uncertified Community-Based Behavioral Health Service Provider in completing the certification process in He-C 6344 if they are court-ordered to provide a Diagnostic Evaluation Service.
V. Diagnostic Evaluation Services will be reimbursed based on the approved hourly rate and service units.

### Standard Operating Procedures

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### Glossary and Document Specific Definitions

For the Purpose of this Document:
"Diagnostic Evaluation" means psychological testing and/or psychosocial assessment to determine the nature and cause of a child and/or family’s dysfunction including mental status, child development, family history, and recommendations for treatment.