



c. Direct Psychological Service to an Individual

Direct psychological services to an individual involve individual therapy and consist of supportive, interpretive, insight-oriented, and directive interventions.

d. Direct Psychological Service in a Group

Direct psychological services to a group include the following services:

- ◆ **Group therapy** that is designed to enhance a student's socialization skills, peer interaction, expression of feelings, etc.
- ◆ **Family therapy**, which consists of sessions with one or more family members for the purposes of effecting changes within the family structure, communication, clarification of roles, etc.

e. Contracted Psychological Services

Contracted psychological services include individual psychological assessment and direct psychological services to an individual or in a group that are rendered by a qualified practitioner who is a contractor, rather than an employee, of the agency. The requirements for documentation, records maintenance, and medical necessity remain unchanged.

7. Social Work Services

Social work services include assessment, diagnosis and treatment services including, but not limited to:

- ◆ Administration and interpretation of clinical assessment instruments.
- ◆ Psychosocial history.
- ◆ Obtaining, integrating, and interpreting information about child behavior.
- ◆ Planning and managing a program of therapy or intervention services.
- ◆ Providing individual, group, or family counseling.
- ◆ Providing emergency or crisis intervention services.
- ◆ Consultation services to assist other service providers or family members in understanding how they may interact with a child in a therapeutically beneficial manner.



Medicaid covers the following services when they are in the IEP or are linked to a service in the IEP and a licensed school social worker or guidance counselor provides them:

- ◆ **Screening.** Screening is the process of surveying a student through direct observation or group testing in order to verify problems and determine if further assessment is needed.
- ◆ **Individual assessment.** "Assessment" refers to the process of collecting data for the purpose of making treatment decisions. The initial assessment includes:
 - Determining the need, nature, frequency, and duration of treatment.
 - Deciding the needed coordination with others.
 - Documenting these activities.

Additional activities include:

- **Treatment planning** means establishing treatment goals and procedures used to design an intervention plan.
- **Monitoring of treatment implementation** means activities and procedures designed to document student progress during treatment provision and to adjust the treatment plan as needed.
- **Treatment evaluation** means activities designed to evaluate the effects of an intervention after a significant period.
- ◆ **Direct service to an individual.** Services to an individual student involve individual therapy, which may utilize any model of therapy and clinical practice.
- ◆ **Direct service in a group.** Services to a group include the following therapeutic and related services:
 - **Group therapy.** This service is designed to enhance socialization skills, peer interaction, expression of feelings, etc.
 - **Family therapy.** This service consists of sessions with one or more family members, for the purposes of effecting changes within the family structure, communication, clarification of roles, etc. The student must be present when family therapy is provided.
- ◆ **Contracted service.** Contracted services include clinical assessment and direct services to an individual or in a group that are rendered by a qualified practitioner who is a contractor, rather than an employee, of the agency. The requirements for documentation, records maintenance, and medical necessity remain unchanged.