



Insurance Pre-Authorization Advice

An autism assessment that meets the requirements of the BC Autism Assessment Network and Ministry of Children and Family Development requires the following activities. This is charged at a flat rate of \$2950, which typically breaks down as below. Insurance companies and the various plans they offer include idiosyncrasies in what they cover under the services of a registered psychologist.

Assessments are done over the course of 1 to 2 days; insurance companies sometimes apply a daily limit which we cannot accommodate.

The estimate noted below is subject to change, though the overall rate of a maximum of \$2950 is guaranteed unless alternate arrangements are discussed.

Child/Youth

Service Provided	Units/Hours at \$250/hour	Subtotals
Testing	2	\$500
Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule – 2 nd Ed.	1	\$250
Cognitive Assessment and/or Mental Health Testing	1	\$250
Report Writing	2.6	\$650
Total		\$1650

Parent 1

Service Provided	Units/Hours at \$250/hour	Subtotals
Developmental Screening	1	\$250
Intake Meeting	.3	\$75
Autism Diagnostic Interview - Revised	1	\$350
Total		\$675

Parent 2 (if applicable, if not, then these charges are applied to Parent 1)

Service Provided	Units/Hours at \$250/hour	Subtotals
Interview	1.5	\$375
Feedback Meeting	1	\$250
Total		\$625

Autism assessments can only be done by pediatricians, psychiatrists, neurologists, or psychologists. The hourly rate for an autism assessment by our registered psychologists (who are all BCAAN Qualified Specialists as well) is \$250/hour reflecting the specialized nature of these assessments (for comparison, the BC Psychological Association’s recommended rate is \$225/hour for 50-minute therapy sessions).