

The Supply and Demand Deal for Learning Disability Evaluations

There are many people who cannot afford the cost of a neuropsychological evaluation or psych-educational evaluation at the usual market rate (ranging from \$3400-\$4000). Insurance rarely pays for these kinds of evaluations, unless there is some kind of compelling medical necessity (such as a brain injury or neurological problem). Because of this, insurance assignment is not accepted in my office (hardly any neuropsychologist accepts insurance). However, you will be given a receipt so that you can apply for reimbursement. The receipt could also be used as a tax deduction. More information about learning disability evaluations being tax deductible can be found on my website.

A new learning disability evaluation alternative is being piloted at The Brain Clinic: The Supply and Demand Deal (S&D). In the S&D, a lower cost learning disability evaluation can be offered under certain circumstances. These evaluations are done by Dr. Cope, a licensed psychologist who works at The Brain Clinic 2 days per week. If Dr. Cope does not have an active case by Wednesday at 7 pm for her Saturday time slot, you can pay \$1700 for the entire evaluation under the following conditions:

1. The evaluation will begin at 10am Saturday morning for about 4-5 hours and be finished the following Tuesday or Saturday for another 4-5 hours. The total testing time is usually about 8 to 9 hours, so this time must be available. This evaluation is only for those 16 and older.
2. A deposit of \$500 must be received in my office by 4pm Thursday before the evaluation. Payment is either cash or check (made out to Dr. Thomas).
3. Full payment of the balance is due on the last testing day, which would ordinarily be Tuesday or Saturday. This would usually be \$1200. Again, only cash or a check is accepted.
4. This kind of low cost evaluation is meant only for very straightforward cases. A straightforward case is typically an updated evaluation for someone with a known learning disability; if a differential diagnosis is needed (exploring multiple reasons for the learning or neuropsychological disability) then the S & D would not apply.
5. The report will be completed 2 to 3 weeks from the last testing date.
6. If complete payment is not made at the last testing date, the report will be ready 2 weeks after the final payment. The report will not be released until full payment is made.

If you are interested in participating in the S&D deal, you have to be ready to do the testing right away to participate. You need to be able to come in on the Saturday after being notified on Wednesday evening, and you have to get to me a \$500 deposit (made out to Dr. Thomas) by the next day, Thursday at 4pm. Additionally, bring supporting documentation (e.g., prior evaluations, letters, school records) to the first testing session.

If this fits with your circumstances, email the office at nurosvcs@aol.com with S&D in the subject line. Remember, this is a pilot program to make learning disability evaluations more affordable. As such, Dr. Thomas reserves the right to change any aspect of this deal or abandon it at any time. Please sign below to indicate your agreement to the above terms; bring this signed with your \$500 deposit to hold the appointment.

Name: Printed

Name: Signed