

PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY DECISION CHART FOR CPT® EVALUATION CODES BY COMPLEXITY

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| | | PHYSICAL THERAPY | | | | OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY | | | | |
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| CPT® Codes | Old Codes | 97001 | | | 97002 | 97003 | | | 97004 | |
| | New Codes | 97161 | 97162 | 97163 | 97164 | 97165 | 97166 | 97167 | 97168 | |
| | Complexity | Low | Moderate | High | RE-EVAL | Low | Moderate | High | RE-EVAL | |
| HISTORY (Subjective) | | 0 Factors | 1-2 Factors | 3+ Factors | N/A | Brief | Expanded | Extensive | N/A | |
| Past Medical and Therapy History for Primary Presenting Problem PT: Personal Factors/Co-Morb OT: Profile and Hx | | Personal Factors and Comorbidities: | | | | Re-evaluation for an established patient when medically necessary | Occupational Profile, Medical Hx, Therapy Hx: | | | |
| | | *Personal Factors: Age, sex, coping style, social history, education, profession, behavior *Relevant Co-morbidities *Prior Level of Function *Prior Treatment Approaches *Significant Medications *Barriers to progress *Number of other significant providers | | | | | *Reason for referral *Primary problem *Client goals *Review of Medical Hx, Therapy Hx *In order to code as Expanded or Extensive , an additional review of Physical, Cognitive or Psychosocial Hx related to the problem must be completed | | | |
| EXAM (Objective) | | 1-2 Elements | 3+ Elements | 4+ Elements | Yes | 1-3 Deficits | 3-5 Deficits | 5+ Deficits | Yes | |
| Systems Review, Tests and Measures, Measurable Assessment or Functional Outcomes PT: Elements OT: Performance Deficits | | Systems Reviewed / Tests Used in Each: | | | | Re-evaluation should include Tests and Measures, measurable outcomes. Documented change in function and need for revised plan of care. | Performance Deficits | | | |
| | | * Musculoskeletal: ROM, strength, posture * Neuromuscular: Balance, gait, motor control, transitions, locomotion, gait * Cardiovascular/Pulmonary: Vitals, edema, activity tolerance * Integumentary: Skin integrity, scar formation * Other: Cognition, Level of Consciousness, Orientation, Communication, Barriers to Learning Elements from above Systems Review: 1- Body Structure of each system above 2- Body Functions of each system above 3- Activity Limitation based on systems review: Difficulty or inability to perform what tasks due abnormal findings in what system above? I.e.: Inability to transfer safely due to B LE strength deficit; Inability to ambulate >30 feet due to dyspnea 4- Participation Restriction: Problems participating in life situations (i.e.: Inability to care for self, Inability to work) | | | | | *Assessment identifying performance deficits in physical, cognitive or psychosocial skills that result in Activity Limitation or Participation Restriction (see below) * Physical Skills * Cognitive Skills * Psychosocial Skills * Activity Limitation based on systems review: Difficulty or inability to perform what tasks due to abnormal findings in physical, cognitive or psychosocial skills? * Participation Restriction: Problems participating in life situations (i.e.: Inability to care for self, Inability to work) | | | |
| CLINICAL PRESENTATION | | Stable | Evolving | Unstable | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| | | Predictable progression, no fluctuation | Changing, new symptoms emerging, or has cognitive deficits that impact POC | Fluctuations, new symptoms, unpredictable, or significant cog deficits impacting safety | N/A | ASSESSMENT MODIFICATION AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENT | | | | |
| | | | | | | *How much physical assist, verbal assist or other was necessary to complete the assessment None Min to Mod Significant | | | | |
| Use the Information Above to Determine the Complexity of Clinical Decision Making Below | | | | | | | | | | |
| CLINICAL DECISION MAKING - COMPLEXITY (Assessment) | | LOW | MODERATE | HIGH | RE-EVAL | LOW | MODERATE | HIGH | RE-EVAL | |
| New Codes | | 97161 | 97162 | 97163 | 97164 | 97165 | 97166 | 97167 | 97168 | |
| | | Looking at above Hx, Exam and Clinical Presentation / Stability - Decide on Level of Complexity | | | Only 1 level of complexity for re-evaluation | Problem-focused, no comorbidities | Detailed assessments, possible comorbidities | Comprehensive assessments, comorbidities | Only 1 level of complexity for re-evaluation | |
| | | Consider: Need for collaboration, coordination with other professionals | | | | Limited # tx options | Several # tx options | Multiple tx options | | |
| | | Consider Typical Face-To-Face Time | | | | Typical Time | Consider Typical Face-To-Face Time | | | Typical Time |
| | | 20 min | 30 min | 45 min | 20 min | 30 min | 45 min | 60 min | 30 min | |
| DEVELOP PLAN OF CARE (Plan) | | Develop therapy plan of care based on all factors above. Does NOT factor into complexity decision. | | | | Develop therapy plan of care based on all factors above. Does NOT factor into complexity decision. | | | | |