

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

*Effective 1/1/17

©2017 www.MonteroTherapyServices.com

		PHYSICAL THERAPY				OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY			
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:			For established patient when medically necessary for assessment of change and revised plan of care.
		*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: * 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 BLE 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)			Re-evaluation should include Tests and Measures, measurable outcomes. Documented change in function and need for revised plan of care.	Performance Deficits *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)			Re-evaluation should include Tests and Measures, measurable outcomes. Documented change in function and need for revised plan of care.
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		ASSESSMENT MODIFICATION AND NEED FOR ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE ASSESSMENT *How much physical, 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 Consider: Need for collaboration, coordination with other professionals			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
						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.			