

**PHYSICAL THERAPY DECISION CHART FOR CPT® EVALUATION CODES BY COMPLEXITY**

\*Effective 1/1/17

Patient Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Dx: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Treatment Dx: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHYSICAL THERAPY				
Old Codes	97001		97002	
New Codes	97161	97162	97163	97164
Complexity	Low	Moderate	High	RE-EVAL

HISTORY (Subjective)	0 Factors	1-2 Factors	3+ Factors	N/A	HISTORY (Subjective)
Past Medical and Therapy History for Primary Presenting Problem	<b>Personal Factors and Comorbidities:</b> *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			Re-evaluation for an established patient when medically necessary	
EXAM (Objective)	1-2 Elements	3+ Elements	4+ Elements	Yes	EXAM (Objective)
Systems Review, Tests and Measures, Measurable Assessment or Functional Outcomes	<b>Systems Reviewed / Tests (1-4) in Each:</b> * <b>Musculoskeletal:</b> Strength, posture * <b>Neuromuscular:</b> Balance, gait, motor control, transfers, locomotion, gait * <b>Cardiovascular/Pulmonary:</b> Vitals, edema, activity tolerance * <b>Integumentary:</b> Skin integrity, scar formation * <b>Other:</b> Cognition, Level of Consciousness, Orientation, Communication, Barriers to Learning			Re-evaluation should include Tests and Measures, measurable outcomes. Documented change in function and need for revised plan of care.	List Systems / Tests
	<b>Elements from above Systems Review:</b> 1- <b>Body Structure</b> of each system above 2- <b>Body Functions</b> of each system above 3- <b>Activity Limitation</b> 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 4- <b>Participation Restriction:</b> Problems participating in life situations (i.e.: Inability to care for self, Inability to work)				List Elements
CLINICAL PRESENTATION	Stable	Evolving	Unstable	N/A	CLINICAL PRESENTATION
	Predictable progression, no fluctuation	Changing, new symptoms emerging, or has cognitive deficits that impact POC	Fluctuations, new symptoms, unpredictable, or significant cog deficits		
Use the Information Above to Determine the Complexity of Clinical Decision Making Below					
CLINICAL DECISION MAKING - COMPLEXITY (Assessment)	LOW	MODERATE	HIGH	RE-EVAL	CLINICAL DECISION MAKING - Determines Complexity (Assessment)
New Codes	97161	97162	97163	97164	Only 1 level of complexity for re-evaluation
	Looking at Subjective Hx, Exam and Clinical Presentation / Stability - Decide on Level of Complexity				
	Consider: Need for collaboration, coordination with other professionals				
	Consider Typical Face-To-Face Time		Typical Time		
	20 min	30 min	45 min	20 min	
DEVELOP PLAN OF CARE (Plan)	Develop therapy plan of care based on all factors above. Does NOT factor into complexity decision.				DEVELOP PLAN OF CARE (Plan)