

Physical Therapy Evaluation Codes

Characteristic Breakdown Effective 01/01/2017

Complexity Level	Low CPT 97161	Moderate CPT 97162	High CPT 97163
Duration	Typically, 20 minutes face-to-face with	Typically, 30 minutes face-to-face with	Typically, 45 minutes face-to-face with
	the patient and/or family	the patient and/or family	the patient and/or family
History	The patient has a history of the	The patient has a history of the present	The patient has a history of the present
	present problem without any personal	problem with a history of 1-2 personal	problem with 3 or more personal factors
	factors and/or comorbidities that	factors and/or comorbidities that	and/or comorbidities that impact the
	impact the plan of care.	impact the plan of care.	plan.
Examination	Examination of body system(s)	Examination of body system(s)	Examination of body system(s) completed
	completed using standardized	completed using standardized	using standardized tests/measures for 4
	tests/measures for 1-2 elements from:	tests/measures for 3 or more elements	or more elements from: body structures
	body structures and functions, activity	from: body structures and functions,	and functions, activity limitations, and/or
	limitations, and/or participating	activity limitations, and/or participating	participating restrictions.
	restrictions.	restrictions.	
Clinical	The clinical presentation is stable	The clinical presentation is evolving with	The clinical presentation is unstable with
Presentation	and/or uncomplicated.	changing characteristics.	unpredictable characteristics.
Decision	Exercised clinical decision-making of a	Exercised clinical decision-making of a	Exercised clinical decision-making of a
Making	low complexity, using a standardized	moderate complexity, using a	high complexity, using a standardized
	patient assessment instrument and/or	standardized patient assessment	patient assessment instrument and/or
	measurable assessment of functional	instrument and/or measurable	measurable assessment of functional
	outcome.	assessment of functional outcome.	outcome.

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Occupational Therapy Evaluation Codes

Characteristic Breakdown Effective 01/01/2017

Complexity Level	Low CPT 97165	Moderate CPT 97166	High CPT 97167
Duration	Typically, 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family	Typically, 45 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family	Typically, 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family
History	The patient's occupational profile and medical and therapy history includes a brief history with review of medical and/or therapy records related to the presenting problem.	The patient's occupational profile and medical and therapy history includes an expanded review of medical and/or therapy records and additional review of physical, cognitive, or psychosocial history related to current functional performance.	The patient's occupational profile and medical and therapy history includes review of medical and/or therapy records and extensive additional review of physical, cognitive, or psychosocial history related to current functional performance.
Examination	The OT completes an assessment(s) identifying 1-3 performance deficits (i.e., relating to physical, cognitive, or psychosocial skills) that result in activity limitations and/or participation restrictions.	The OT completes an assessment(s) identifying 3-5 performance deficits (i.e., relating to physical, cognitive, or psychosocial skills) that result in activity limitations and/or participation restrictions.	The OT completes an assessment(s) identifying 5 or more performance deficits (i.e., relating to physical, cognitive, or psychosocial skills) that result in activity limitations and/or participation restrictions.
Decision Making	The OT exercises clinical decision making of a low complexity, including analysis of the occupational profile/data from problem-focused assessment(s) and consideration of a limited number of treatment options. The patient presents with no comorbidities that affect occupational performance. Modification of tasks or assistance (e.g., physical or verbal) with assessment(s) is not required	The OT exercises clinical decision-making of a moderate complexity, including an analysis of the occupational profile/ data from detailed assessment(s) and consideration of several treatment options. The patient may present with comorbidities that affect occupational performance. Minimal to moderate modification of tasks or assistance (e.g., physical or verbal) with assessment(s) is required.	The OT exercises clinical decision making of a high complexity, including an analysis of the patient profile/data from comprehensive assessment(s) and consideration of multiple treatment options. The patient presents with comorbidities that affect occupational performance. Significant modification of tasks or assistance (e.g., physical or verbal) with assessment(s) is required.

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