

Educational Sheet for Physical Therapy (PT) Re-Evaluation

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CPT® code 97164 is used for reporting re-evaluation of physical therapy established plan of care, requiring these components:

- An examination including a review of history and use of standardized tests and measures is required: and
- Revised plan of care using a standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome.

Per the National Council on Compensation Insurance (NCCI), “the NCCI program contains Procedure to Procedure (PTP) edits with Column One codes of the physical medicine and rehabilitation therapy services and Column Two codes of the physical therapy and occupational therapy re-evaluation CPT® codes of 97164 and 97168 respectively. The re-evaluation services shall not be routinely reported during a planned course of physical or occupational therapy. However, if the patient’s status should change and a re-evaluation is medically reasonable and necessary, it may be reported with modifier 59 or XU appended to CPT® code 97164 or 97168 as appropriate.”

Clinical Examples

- **Pay Example:** A patient presents with a newly diagnosed problem of hip pain. CPT® code 97164 would be reported in addition to therapeutic exercises (CPT® 97110) and electrical stimulation (CPT® 97032). This is appropriate as data is being gathered and a new plan of care is developed.
- **Deny Example:** The same patient returns two weeks later. There is no change in the patient condition and the provider is continuing with the same plan of care. CPT® code 97164 is not appropriate in this situation and would be denied as bundled into the therapeutic exercises and electrical stimulation.

Additional References

NCCI Policy Manual

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