

Introduction

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Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Services Specialty Manual

CMS Clarification of Existing Therapy Policy and Guidance on Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech-Language Pathologists

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Billing/TherapyServices/index.html>

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System

Coverage of Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Services (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech-Language)

Conditions of Coverage and Payment for Outpatient Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Speech-Language Pathology Services CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

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Conditions of Coverage and Payment for Outpatient Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Speech-Language Pathology

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Outpatient Therapy Must be Under the Care of a Physician/Non-Physician Practitioners (NPP) (Orders/Referrals and Need for Care)

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220.1.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Plans of Care for Outpatient Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Speech-Language Pathology Services

- Establishing the Plan
- Contents of Plan
- Changes to the Therapy Plan

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220.1.2 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Certification and Recertification of Need for Treatment and Therapy Plans of Care

- Method and Disposition of Certifications
- Initial Certification of Plan
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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220.1.3 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Requirement That Services Be Furnished on an Outpatient Basis

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220.1.4 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Reasonable and Necessary Outpatient Rehabilitation Therapy Services

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- Maintenance Programs

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 220.2 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Practice of Physical Therapy

- General
- Qualified Physical Therapist Defined
- Services of Physical Therapy Support Personnel
- Application of Medicare Guidelines to PT Services

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 230.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Practice of Occupational Therapy

- General
- Qualified Occupational Therapist Defined
- Services of Occupational Therapy Support Personnel
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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 230.2 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Practice of Speech-Language Pathology

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- Services of Speech-Language Pathology Support Personnel
- Application of Medicare Guidelines to Speech-Language Pathology Services
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- Therapeutic Services
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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 230.3 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Services Furnished by a Physical or Occupational Therapist in Private Practice

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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 230.4 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services Provided Incident to Services Provided Incident to the Services of Physicians and Nonphysicians Practitioners (NPP)

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- Qualifications of Auxiliary Personnel

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 230.5 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Therapy Services Furnished Under Arrangements With Providers and Clinics

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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 15, Section 230.6 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c15.pdf>

Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF) Coverage

- Specific CORF Services
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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-2, Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Chapter 12, Section 40 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/bp102c12.pdf>

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 - Application of Financial Limitations January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006

- Carrier Requirements when Financial Limits are in Effect
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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 10-10.2 A-B-C-F-H-I <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

HCPCS Coding Requirements

- Uniform Coding
- Applicable Outpatient Rehabilitation HCPCS Codes
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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Discipline Specific Outpatient

Rehabilitation Modifiers – All Claims

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Reporting of Service Units With HCPCS – Form CMS-1500 and Form CMS-1450

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20.2 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Determining What Time Counts Towards

15-Minute Timed Codes – All Claims

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20.3 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Coding Guidance for Certain Physical Medicine CPT Codes – All Claims

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20.4 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

CORF/OPT Edit for Billing Inappropriate Supplies

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 20.5 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Special Claims Processing Rules for Outpatient Rehabilitation Claims – Form CMS-1500

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 30 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Group Therapy Services (Code 97150)

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 100.10 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

Therapy Students

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 5, Section 100.10.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c05.pdf>

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CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 6, Sections 10-20.1.1 <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf>

Therapy Services and SNF Consolidated Billing

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 6, Sections 20.5 <http://www.cms.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c06.pdf>

Home Health Agency Prospective

Payment System Consolidated Billing

- Home Health Episode of Care
- Request for Anticipated Payment

CMS Manual System, Pub 100-4, Medicare Claims Processing Manual Chapter 10, Sections 20 – 30.11 <http://www.cms.gov/manuals/downloads/clm104c10.pdf>