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Memo

To: Therapy Providers

From: El Paso First Health Plans, Inc.

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Update: 2017 HCPCS Updates for Texas Medicaid for PT and OT services

Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2017, the following physical therapy (PT) and occupational therapy (OT) evaluation and re-evaluation procedure codes are being discontinued by the 2017 Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code updates. There will be no change to the provider types that can perform and receive reimbursement for a physical and occupational therapy services.

The new evaluation codes are based on patient complexity and the level of clinical-decision making, low, moderate or high complexity. The re-evaluation codes are reported for an established patient when a revised care plan is indicated. For more detailed information please click on the following article link [MLN Matters: MM9782](#)

Service	Discontinued Procedure Code	Replacement Procedure Code
PT evaluation	97001	97161, 97162, 97163
OT evaluation	97003	97165, 97166, 97167
PT re-evaluation* (requires prior authorization)	97002	97164
OT re-evaluation* (requires prior authorization)	97004	97168

*Re-evaluation procedure codes require authorization and must be submitted with the recertification request or when discharging a client.

Authorization requests submitted on or after January 1, 2017, must be submitted with new 2017 HCPCS codes as applicable.

Claims with dates of service *on or before December 31, 2016*, must be submitted with procedure codes 97002 and 97004.

Claims with dates of service *on or after January 1, 2017*, must be submitted with new 2017 HCPCS procedure codes 97164 and 97168 as applicable.

OT Procedure codes 97165, 97166, and 97167 *may each* be reimbursed once every three years. An occupational therapy evaluation will not be reimbursed when billed with the same date of service as the occupational therapy service. Therapy evaluation procedure codes

97165, 97166, and 97167 will be denied if billed with the same date of service as the following occupational therapy service procedure codes:

Procedure Code – Modifier					
97012-GO	97014-GO	97016-GO	97018-GO	97022-GO	97024-GO
97026-GO	97028-GO	97032-GO	97033-GO	97034-GO	97035-GO
97036-GO	97039-GO	97110-GO	97112-GO	97113-GO	97116-GO
97124-GO	97139-GO	97140-GO	97150-GO	97530-GO	97535-GO
97537-GO	97542-GO	97750-GO	97755-GO	97760-GO	97761-GO
97762-GO	97799-GO	S8990-GO			

PT Procedure codes 97161, 97162, and 97163 *may each* be reimbursed once every three years. A physical therapy evaluation will not be reimbursed when billed with the same date of service as the physical therapy service. Therapy evaluation procedure codes 97161, 97162, and 97163 will be denied if billed with the same date of service as the following physical therapy service procedure codes:

Procedure Code – Modifier					
97012-GP	97014-GP	97016-GP	97018-GP	97022-GP	97024-GP
97026-GP	97028-GP	97032-GP	97033-GP	97034-GP	97035-GP
97036-GP	97039-GP	97110-GP	97112-GP	97113-GP	97116-GP
97124-GP	97139-GP	97140-GP	97150-GP	97530-GP	97535-GP
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For more detailed information on these changes please visit www.tmhp.com click on Provider News Archives. Or click on the following links from this fax blast uploaded on our website under providers/fax blast notifications.

[2017 HCPCS Updates for Texas Medicaid Physical and Occupational Therapy](#)

[2017 HCPCS Updates for Early Childhood Intervention \(ECI\) Physical and Occupational Therapy Services](#)

NOTE: El Paso First Therapy services require prior authorization. (Initial evaluation does not require prior authorization). If you have any questions please contact the Provider Relations Team at 1-915-532-3778 x1507.