

New 2017 CPT Eval Codes for Occupational Therapy

On January 1, 2017, the CPT codes for OT evaluations and re-evaluations (codes 97003 and 97004) will be replaced by a new, tiered set of codes. Use the following cheat sheet to familiarize yourself with the codes and to determine complexity levels based on a set of criteria.

| NEW CPT CODE | DESCRIPTION | OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE AND MEDICAL AND THERAPY HISTORY | PERFORMANCE DEFICITS IDENTIFIED DURING ASSESSMENT | CLINICAL DECISION MAKING | COMORBIDITIES THAT AFFECT OCCUPATIONAL PERFORMANCE | MODIFICATIONS OR ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO COMPLETE EVALUATION | APPROX. FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH PATIENT | RVU |
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| 97165 | Occupational therapy evaluation, LOW COMPLEXITY | Brief history including review of medical and/or therapy records | 1-3 PERFORMANCE DEFICITS that result in activity limitations and/or participation restrictions | LOW COMPLEXITY: includes an analysis of the occupational profile, analysis of data from problem-focused assessment(s), and consideration of a limited number of treatment options | None | No modifications or assistance | 30 minutes | 1.2 |
| 97166 | Occupational therapy evaluation, MODERATE COMPLEXITY | Expanded review of medical and/or therapy records and additional review of physical, cognitive, or psychosocial history | 3-5 PERFORMANCE DEFICITS that result in activity limitations and/or participation restrictions | MODERATE ANALYTIC COMPLEXITY: includes an analysis of the occupational profile, analysis of data from detailed assessment(s), and consideration of several treatment options | Maybe | Minimal to moderate modification of tasks or assistance | 45 minutes | 1.2 |
| 97167 | Occupational therapy evaluation, HIGH COMPLEXITY | Review of medical and/or therapy records and EXTENSIVE additional review of physical, cognitive, or psychosocial history | 5 OR MORE PERFORMANCE DEFICITS that result in activity limitations and/or participation restrictions | HIGH ANALYTIC COMPLEXITY: Includes an analysis of the patient profile, analysis of data from comprehensive assessment(s), and consideration of multiple treatment options | Yes | Significant modification of tasks or assistance | 60 minutes | 1.2 |
| 97168 | Reevaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care | Requires the following components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of changes in patient functional or medical status with revised plan of care Update initial occupational profile to reflect changes in condition or environment that affect future interventions and/or goals Revised plan of care Reevaluation performed when there is a documented change in functional status or a significant change to the POC is required | | | | | 30 minutes | 0.6 |