

New 2017 CPT Eval Codes for Physical Therapy

On January 1, 2017, the CPT codes for PT evaluations and re-evaluations (codes 97001 and 97002) 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	PERSONAL FACTORS AND/OR CO-MORBIDITIES THAT IMPACT THE PLAN OF CARE	BODY SYSTEMS EXAMINED	CLINICAL PRESENTATION	CLINICAL DECISION MAKING	APPROXIMATE FACE-TO-FACE TIME WITH PATIENT AND/OR FAMILY	RVU
97161	Physical therapy evaluation: LOW COMPLEXITY	NONE	1-2 ELEMENTS from any of the following: Body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions	STABLE and/or uncomplicated characteristics	LOW COMPLEXITY using standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome	20 minutes	1.2
97162	Physical therapy evaluation: MODERATE COMPLEXITY	1-2	3 OR MORE ELEMENTS from any of the following: Body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions	EVOLVING with changing characteristics	MODERATE COMPLEXITY using standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome	30 minutes	1.2
97163	Physical therapy evaluation: HIGH COMPLEXITY	3	4 OR MORE ELEMENTS from any of the following: Body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions	UNSTABLE and unpredictable characteristics	HIGH COMPLEXITY using standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome	45 minutes	1.2
97164	Reevaluation of physical therapy established plan of care	not applicable	Examination including a review of history and use of standardized tests and measures is required	not applicable	Revised plan of care using a standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome	20 minutes	0.6



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