

Medicaid School Services - Occupational Therapist Tip Sheet

Habilitative and Rehabilitative Services

The American Medical Association (AMA) created modifiers to identify services as habilitative or rehabilitative. This applies to the procedure codes below with a (*).

- **Modifier 96- Habilitative Services:** Habilitative services help an individual learn skills and functioning for daily living that the individual has not yet developed, and then keep or improve those learned skills. Habilitative services also help an individual keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living.
- **Modifier 97- Rehabilitative Services:** Rehabilitative services help an individual keep, get back, or improve skills and functioning for daily living that have been lost or impaired because the individual was sick, hurt, or disabled.

Medicaid Guidelines:

- Provider notes must include enough detail to allow reconstruction of what transpired for each service.
- Monthly progress notes are REQUIRED at the end of each month. They must summarize the services reported and include evaluation of progress. *Using a date during the last school week of the month is recommended.*
- Consult services are not billable
- Group therapy must be provided in groups of 2-8 students – not billable if more than 8.

PROCEDURE CODE	SERVICE TYPE & DESCRIPTION
MET/EVALUATION	
Encompasses all meetings, reports, testing and observations completed for the IDEA Assessment. The evaluation should only be reported <u>once</u> , even if the evaluation is administered over several days (one log for all work done). The date of service is the date eligibility is determined (IEP/IFSP mtg). <u>Note:</u> An evaluation must be completed to use this code.	
97165 HT*	MET/Eval – Low Complexity, 30 min
97166 HT*	MET/Eval – Moderate Complexity, 45 min
97167 HT*	MET/Eval – High Complexity, 60 min
IEP/IFSP	
Participation in the IEP/IFSP meeting. Encompasses all work done. The date of service is the date of the IEP/IFSP meeting.	
97165 TR*	IEP – Low Complexity, 30 min
97166 TR*	IEP – Moderate Complexity, 45 min
97167 TR*	IEP – High Complexity, 60 min
REED	
Participation in the Review of Existing Evaluation Data (REED). The date of service is the date the team completes its review of data.	
97165 TJ*	REED – Low Complexity, 30 min
97166 TJ*	REED – Moderate Complexity, 45 min
97167 TJ*	REED – High Complexity, 60 min
EVALS NOT RELATED TO MET OR IEP	
Evaluations completed for purposes other than the IDEA assessment. The date of service is the date the test is completed.	
97165*	Non-MET/Eval – Low Complexity, 30 min
97166*	Non-MET/Eval – Moderate Complexity, 45 min
97167*	Non-MET/Eval – High Complexity, 60 min
THERAPY	
97110*	Individual Therapy Therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance range of motion, and flexibility.

97150	Group Therapy Therapeutic procedure(s), group (2 or more individuals).
ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY	
97112*	ATD Neuromuscular Reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and /or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities.
97535*	ATD Self-care/Home Mgmt. Training Activities of daily living and compensatory training, meal prep, safety procedures, and instructions in the use of assistive technology/adaptive equipment, direct 1:1.
97542*	Wheelchair Management (Assessment, fitting, training) - If services are provided for Durable Medical Equipment (DME), all policies for the DME program must be adhered to. Do not use if assessments for DME are billed by a Medicaid medical supplier
97755	Assistive Technology Assessment To restore, augment, or compensate for existing function and/or maximize environmental accessibility: direct 1:1 provider contact required. - If services are provided for Durable Medical Equipment (DME), all policies for the DME program must be adhered to. Do not use if assessments for DME are billed by a Medicaid medical supplier.
97760*	ATD Orthotics Management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported), upper extremity(s), lower extremity(s), and/or trunk, initial encounter
97761*	ATD Prosthetics Prosthetic training, upper and/or lower extremity(s), initial encounter, each 15 min
RECORD KEEPING ONLY	
-	Monthly Progress Note
-	Student Absent/Unavailable
-	Provider Absent/Unavailable
-	Non-billable Entry
EVALUATION COMPONENTS	
Low Complexity - History – An occupational profile and medical and therapy history, which includes a brief history including review of medical and/or therapy records relating to the presenting problem - Examination – An assessment that identifies 1-3 performance defects (i.e. relating to physical, cognitive, or psychosocial skills) that result in the activity limitations and/or participation restrictions - Decision Making – Clinical decision making of low analytic complexity, which includes an analysis of the occupational profile, analysis of data from problem-focused assessment(s), and consideration of a limited number of treatment options. Patient presents with no comorbidities that affect occupational performance. Modification of tasks or assistance (eg, physical or verbal) with assessment(s) is not necessary to enable patient to complete evaluation component - Time – Typically, 30 minutes are spent face-to-face with patient and/or family	
Moderate Complexity - History – An occupational profile and medical and therapy history, which includes an expanded brief review of medical and/or therapy records and additional review of physical, cognitive, or psychosocial history related to current functional performance - Examination – An assessment that identifies 3-5 performance defects (ie, relating to physical, cognitive, or psychosocial skills) that result in the activity limitations and/or participation restrictions - Decision Making – Clinical decision making of moderate analytic complexity, which includes an analysis of the occupational profile, analysis of data from detailed assessment(s), and consideration of several treatment options.	

Patient may present with co-morbidities that affect occupational performance. Minimal to moderate modification of tasks or assistance (eg, physical or verbal) with assessment(s) is necessary to enable the patient to complete evaluation component Time – Typically, 45 minutes are spent face-to-face with patient and/or family		
High Complexity - History – An occupational profile and medical and therapy history, which includes an expanded brief review of medical and/or therapy records and extensive additional review of physical, cognitive, or psychosocial history related to current functional performance - Examination – An assessment that identifies 5 or more performance defects (ie, relating to physical, cognitive, or psychosocial skills) that result in the activity limitations and/or participation restrictions - Decision Making – Clinical decision making of high analytic complexity, which includes an analysis of the occupational profile, analysis of data from detailed assessment(s), and consideration of several treatment options. Patient presents with comorbidities that affect occupational performance. Significant modification of tasks or assistance (eg, physical or verbal) with assessment(s) is necessary to enable the patient to complete evaluation component - Time – Typically, 60 minutes are spent face-to-face with patient and/or family		
MEDICAL AREAS		
- Evaluation - IEP Development/Review - Activities of Daily Living - Developmental - Feeding/Oral Motor Training	- Fine Motor Skills - Neuromuscular Development - Prevocational - Sensorimotor - Visual Motor	- Visual Perceptual - ATD Services - ATD Coordinating - ATD Training
TELEHEALTH		
Telehealth is the use of telecommunication technology to connect a student with a health care professional in a different location. Requirements include: - Consent to teletherapy - Real time interaction between the student and practitioner at both the originating and distant site - Simultaneous use of both audio and visual modalities in accordance with state and federal standards - A facilitator is required when necessary for the session to be successful - Providers and facilitators are familiar with equipment and software used prior to services <u>Telehealth applies to the following codes:</u> 97110 Individual Therapy 97150 Group Therapy 97112 ATD Neuromuscular 97165 Eval – Low Complexity 97166 Eval – Moderate Complexity 97167 Eval – High Complexity 97535 ATD – Self Care/Home Management 97760 ATD Orthotics 97761 ATD Prosthetics		

Billing is due on the 5th of each month

Have questions or need support?

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