

121 – Occupational Therapy Assistant

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 functions 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.

***For definitions of low, moderate and high complexity evaluations, please refer to the Evaluation Components Document**

THERAPY

PROCEDURE CODE	SERVICE TYPE	START/END TIME
97110*	Individual Therapy Therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance range of motion, and flexibility, 15 min	Yes
97150	Group Therapy Therapeutic procedure(s), group (2-8 individuals), 15 min	Yes

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

PROCEDURE CODE	SERVICE TYPE	START/END TIME
97112*	ATD Neuromuscular Re-education of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and /or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities, 15 min	Yes
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, 15 min	Yes
97542*	Wheelchair Management (Assessment, fitting, training), 15 min If services are provided for Durable Medical Equipment (DME), all policies for the DME program must be adhered to.	Yes
97542*	Do not use if assessments for DME are billed by a Medicaid medical supplier	Yes
97755	Assistive Technology Assessment To restore, augment, or compensate for existing function and/or maximize environmental accessibility: direct 1:1 provider contact required, 15 min - 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.	Yes
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, 15 min	Yes
97761*	ATD Prosthetics Prosthetic training, upper and/or lower extremity(s), initial encounter, each 15 min	Yes
97763	Subsequent encounter orthotics/prosthetics management , each 15 min	Yes

Non-Billable Code

PROCEDURE	SERVICE TYPE	START/END TIME
Consult Only	Use for logging students with consult-only services listed in the programs/services section of their IEP	-
Behavior Plan	Use to log students with a behavior plan only	-
Communication	Use to log communications with parents, other providers, staff	-
Attendance	Use to log when a student is missing therapy(ies) due to absences	-
Observation	Use to document time observing students for evaluation purposes	

GENERAL INFORMATION

Service History Notes:

1. **Describe** what occurred on the date of service. Ensure that the Service History Note (daily note) is sufficiently detailed to allow reconstruction of what transpired for each service billed.
2. **Describe** the “medical” goal of the service.
3. **Indicate** the result of the therapy session (student’s response).
4. **Avoid** discussing academic goals/issues or attendance

Example of Service Note Detail: Completed fine motor task with the use of the light board for visual cues. Student was able to explore shape blocks with each hand and place them into the shape puzzle with minimal assistance.

Monthly History Notes:

1. **Summarize** (evaluate) the student’s monthly progress toward your medical/health-related goal.
2. **Include** any changes in medical/mental status and changes in treatment with rationale for change.
3. Service History Notes (Daily) and Monthly History Notes (Progress) **must not match**.

Example of Summary Note: Focused on fine motor and fastener tasks this month. Manipulated zipper, snaps, buckle, and buttons. Responded positively to light box when objects were placed on it to manipulate. Will continue to work on shape blocks and matching for consistency.

Billing for Evaluations:

Evaluations can be billed, even when the results are Consult Only services. A prescription is not needed in order to bill for the evaluation.

Annual Requirement:

1. Occupational therapy services must be prescribed by a physician, physician’s assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse practitioner and updated annually.
2. Schools must obtain the prescription and provide copies to the Wayne RESA Medicaid Department. If it’s 30 days from the date of the POC and no OT or O&M prescription was obtained, the school should request help from Wayne RESA.
3. Copies of **all prescriptions** and requests for help must be forwarded to Wayne RESA via the Medicaid secure email account.

Record Keeping:

Keep copies of all supporting documentation related to this service for a period of 8 years (FY+7) regardless of the change in ownership or termination of participation in Medicaid.