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- Evaluation Codes*
 - 97161 Low Complexity Evaluations
 - 97162 Moderate Complexity Evaluation
 - 97163 High Complexity Evaluation
- Re-evaluation Code*
 - 97164 A single code
- NEW levels reflect complexity of the patient that determines management path
 - No differentiation in payment/reimbursement

* 97001 PT evaluation and 97002 PT Re-evaluation will be deleted from the code set
Additional Resources: 2017 CPT® Manual, Professional Edition
www.apta.org/Payment/Medicare/CodingBilling/FeeSchedule/Summaries/2016/7/15/

NEW Codes: 4 Components of Complexity and Severity

<p>PT Evaluation Low Complexity (97161):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>History:</u> no personal factors / comorbidities impacting plan of care • <u>Examination:</u> of body system(s) using standardized tests and measures addressing 1-2 elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions • <u>Presentation:</u> with stable and/or uncomplicated characteristics • <u>Decision Making:</u> low complexity using standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome. • <u>Time Guideline:</u> Typically, 20 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family. 	<p>PT Evaluation Moderate Complexity (97162):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>History:</u> 1-2 personal factors / comorbidities impacting plan of care • <u>Examination:</u> of body system(s) using standardized tests and measures addressing 3 or more elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions • <u>Presentation:</u> evolving clinical presentation with changing characteristics • <u>Decision Making:</u> moderate complexity using standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome. • <u>Time Guideline:</u> Typically, 30 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family.
<p>PT Evaluation High Complexity (97163):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>History:</u> 3-4 personal factors / comorbidities impacting plan of care • <u>Examination:</u> of body system(s) using standardized tests and measures addressing 4 or more elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions • <u>Presentation:</u> unstable and unpredictable characteristics • <u>Decision Making:</u> high complexity using standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome. • <u>Time Guideline:</u> Typically, 45 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family. 	<p>PT Re-evaluation (97164):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A single level code • Applies when there is an established and ongoing plan of care • Requires an examination including a review of history AND the use of standardized tests and measures • Describes a REVISED plan of care using a standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome • <u>Time Guideline:</u> Typically, 20 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

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