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Home health and home therapy evaluation guidance

Home health and home therapy services consist of evaluations and re-evaluations for care delivered directly in a member's home by licensed medical professionals — including nurses, therapists, and aides — for the purpose of treating or managing an illness, injury, or medical condition.

Effective October 1, 2022, Healthy Blue providers billing for home health and home therapy evaluation(s), re-evaluation(s), and/or services **must** do the following:

- Use the appropriate evaluation CPT® code.
Note: Initial evaluation(s) **does not** require a prior authorization (PA) when appropriate codes are utilized. However, re-evaluation(s) and/or service(s) **do** require a PA. Refer to the table below to identify if a PA is required for the desired CPT code.
- Establish a *Plan of Care* and submit a PA request for service **after** the evaluation is complete.
- Use the appropriate place of service code, where applicable.

CPT Code	CPT Code Description	Place of service	Code Type	Prior Auth (PA) Required
T1001	Nursing assessment/evaluation	12	Evaluation	No
92521	Evaluation of speech fluency (for example, stuttering, cluttering)	12	Evaluation	No
92522	Evaluation of speech sound production (for example, articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria)	12	Evaluation	No
92523	Evaluation of speech sound production (for example, articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria); with evaluation of language comprehension and expression (for example, receptive and expressive language)	12	Evaluation	No
97161	Physical therapy evaluation; low complexity, requiring components	12	Evaluation	No
97162	Physical therapy evaluation; moderate complexity requiring components	12	Evaluation	No
97163	Physical therapy evaluation; high complexity requiring components	12	Evaluation	No

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CPT Code	CPT Code Description	Place of service	Code Type	Prior Auth (PA) Required
97164	Re-evaluation of physical therapy established plan of care requiring components	12	Re-evaluation	Yes
97165	Occupational therapy evaluation; low complexity requiring components	12	Evaluation	No
97166	Occupational therapy evaluation; moderate complexity requiring components	12	Evaluation	No
97167	Occupational therapy evaluation; high complexity requiring components	12	Evaluation	No
97168	Re-evaluation of occupational therapy care/established plan of care requiring components	12	Re-evaluation	Yes
G0151	Services performed by a qualified therapist in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes	12	Service	Yes
G0152	Services performed by a qualified occupational therapist in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes	12	Service	Yes
G0153	Services performed by a qualified speech-language pathologist in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes	12	Service	Yes
G0299	Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes	12	Service	Yes

Refer to the [Prior Authorization Lookup Tool](#) on the Healthy Blue website for further information and governing clinical coverage policies.

If you have any questions, contact Healthy Blue Provider Services at **844-594-5072**, Monday through Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET.



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