

Payment Policy | Physical and Occupational Therapy Payment Cap



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OVERVIEW

The intent of this policy is to outline Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island's (BCBSRI) daily maximum allowable reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy services applicable to all BCBSRI contracted professional providers.

MEDICAL CRITERIA

Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT

Medicare Advantage Plans and Commercial Products

BCBSRI applies a daily maximum allowable reimbursement for all physical and occupational therapy services billed on the same day for each patient.

This policy is effective for all other professional providers.

1. If the combined allowances for all physical and occupational therapy services performed on the same day for a patient exceed the per-day allowable maximum amount, the amount over and above the maximum will not be reimbursed.
2. When services are provided on the same day by providers in different specialties (e.g., physical and occupational therapists), both specialties may be reimbursed up to the per-day allowable maximum.
3. If a physical and/or occupational therapy evaluation occurs on the same day that physical and/or occupational treatment/services are performed, reimbursement will be made for both the evaluation and therapy services performed that day. The evaluation is not included in the daily maximum allowable.

COVERAGE

Benefits may vary between groups and contracts. Please refer to the appropriate Benefit Booklet, Evidence of Coverage or Subscriber Agreement for applicable physical and occupational therapy services benefits/coverage.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

CODING

None

RELATED POLICIES

None.

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Provider Update, February 2023

Provider Update, January 2020

Provider Update, February 2019

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REFERENCES

None

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