

Hippotherapy

Introduction

An individually developed plan of specialized physical, occupational or speech therapy, conducted on horseback by specially trained (American Hippotherapy Association, or A.H.A. certified) personnel, for children with severe disabilities including developmental disabilities. Group therapy is not authorized. Plan must be developed and services provided by an on-site licensed Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, or Speech Therapist. Hippotherapy is provided by the Rhode Island Medicaid Program under the provisions of the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program.

Provider Participation

Billing provider may be certified by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) and enrolled in the Rhode Island Medical Assistance Program.

Therapists (performing providers) must be A.H.A. certified and must be licensed to practice therapy in the state in which services are provided.

Covered Services

| PROCEDURE CODE | DESCRIPTION | PA |
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| 97001 | PHYSICAL THERAPY EVALUATION | N |
| 97110 GP | THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURE, ONE OR MORE AREAS, EACH 15 MINUTES; THERAPEUTIC EXERCISES TO DEVELOP STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE, RANGE OF MOTION AND FLEXIBILITY | N |
| 97150 GP | THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURE(S), GROUP (2 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS) | N |
| 97003 | OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVALUATION | N |
| 97110 GO | THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURE, ONE OR MORE AREAS, EACH 15 MINUTES; THERAPEUTIC EXERCISES TO DEVELOP STRENGTH AND ENDURANCE, RANGE OF MOTION AND FLEXIBILITY | N |
| 97150 GO | THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURE(S), GROUP (2 OR MORE INDIVIDUALS) | N |
| 92506 | EVALUATION OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, VOICE, COMMUNICATION, AUDITORY PROCESSING, AND/OR AURAL REHABILITATION STATUS | N |

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| 92507 | TREATMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, VOICE, COMMUNICATION, AND/OR AUDITORY PROCESSING DISORDER; INDIVIDUAL | N |
| 92508 | TREATMENT OF SPEECH, LANGUAGE, VOICE, COMMUNICATION, AND/OR AUDITORY PRCESSING DISORDER; GROUP, TWO OR MORE | N |

Limitations

1. Clinical records, including evaluations, goals, and objectives must be kept in the medical record by the billing provider (stable). A prescription form the child's physician (MD or DO) must be included in the clinical record, indicating the child's diagnosis, and why these services are medically necessary.
2. Group sessions are limited to no more than 4 children and must be provided by a licensed physical therapist, occupational therapist, or speech, hearing and language therapist.
3. Prior authorization is not needed at this time; (subject to change by DHS).
4. Services are billed as physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech therapy.