



Group Therapy in Wisconsin Medicaid

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What is group therapy?

Group therapy is a therapy service provided by an Occupational Therapist (OT) or Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) to two or more members at the same time.

Who can provide group therapy?

OTs and SLPs may provide group therapy.

How do I request group therapy?

Group therapy needs to be requested using a prior authorization (PA) form for members who have used their initial lifetime 35 therapy visits using the discipline specific group therapy Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code.

What are the group therapy CPT codes?

- The OT group therapy CPT code is 97150.
- The SLP group therapy CPT code 92508.
- The same code is billed for every member in the group.

If the member has not used their initial 35 visits, can they be seen in a group without PA?

Yes, if the group size is met, the OT or SLP can provide group therapy under the initial 35 visits without PA.

Are there rules for group therapy size?

Yes, Medicaid-enrolled OTs may see 2-6 patients at a time or 7-12 patients when there are two OTs. One OT must be Medicaid enrolled.

Medicaid-enrolled SLPs may see up to 4 patients at a time. The SLP providing group therapy may only work on language, hearing, or auditory training.

Can I provide group therapy if my PA is not approved with a group therapy CPT code?

No, the PA must have an approved group therapy CPT code.

How do I ensure correct billing for group therapy?

- Group therapy CPT codes should always be billed when the therapist sees more than one member at the same time.
- Single therapy CPT codes are billed when one therapist treats one member at a time.
- Fraudulent billing occurs when a therapist provides treatment to more than one member at the same time and bills under an individual therapy CPT code.
- Coding rules are in Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 106.03(2) and 45 CFR §§ 162.1000(a) and 162.1002(c)(1).



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