OVERVIEW
The intent of this policy is to clarify the daily maximum allowable reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy services rendered by all Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) contracted professional providers.

MEDICAL CRITERIA
Not applicable.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
Not applicable.

POLICY STATEMENT
BlueCHiP for Medicare 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, 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 or occupational therapy evaluation occurs on the same day that physical 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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REFERENCES
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