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OVERVIEW

The intent of this policy is to clarify the daily maximum allowable reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy services rendered by all 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

Reimbursement for physical and occupational therapy services may vary between groups and contracts. Applicable deductibles and/or co-payments will be applied. Please refer to the appropriate Evidence of Coverage, Subscriber Agreement, or Benefit Booklet.

BACKGROUND

Not applicable.

CODING

None

RELATED POLICIES

None.

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Provider Update, January 2018

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REFERENCES

None

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