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POLICY CLARIFICATION

Therapy Maximum Unit Limit - 97532

Policy Summary:

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is aligning its maximum unit limits for therapy services in order to have consistency in coverage for this category of service. Therapy code 97532 has had a maximum of 8 units (15-minute units) per session in Vermont Medicaid's claim system. This timed code 97532 is now changing to a maximum of 4 units per session, which aligns with other therapy procedure codes. The code for wheelchair management is the exception to the 4-unit maximum for therapy services—wheelchair management has a maximum of 8 units. Evaluation, re-evaluation, and other non-timed codes may be billed in addition to the timed codes during a single session.

Effective Date:

November 1, 2016

Authority/Legal Basis:

These changes are being made under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here:
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

Population Affected:

All Medicaid.

Fiscal Impact:

	State Fiscal Year 2017	State Fiscal Year 2018
State	(\$473)	(\$710)
Federal	(\$565)	(\$847)
Total	(\$1,038)	(\$1,557)

Additional information:

The DVHA Therapy Guidelines can be viewed at the DVHA website here:
<http://ovha.vermont.gov/for-providers/clinical-coverage-guidelines>

The DVHA Fee Schedules can be viewed at the DVHA website here:
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/claims-processing-1>