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# Global Commitment Register

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CLARIFICATION

## Limit on Therapy Units per Session

### **Policy Summary:**

Vermont Medicaid is issuing this notice in order to clarify that, in accordance with the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) medical policy on physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, only four units (one hour) are allowed per therapy type, per session, per day. This is not a new policy, but a clarification of the current policy (link below). As part of this clarification, certain codes for the above therapy services will no longer be reimbursed for the units billed over the limit.

### **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
<b>State</b>	(\$10,406)	(\$15,635)
<b>Federal</b>	(\$12,445)	(\$18,641)
<b>Total</b>	(\$22,851)	(\$34,277)

### **Additional information:**

The new Medicaid system audit will allow a total of 4 units per therapy type, per session, per day of the following codes:

97032	97110	97140	97537	97762
97033	97112	97530	97750	
97034	97113	97532	97755	
97035	97116	97533	97760	
97036	97124	97535	97761	

For example, a provider can bill for 4 units total for physical therapy and another 4 units total for occupational therapy for the same date of service.

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>