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Appendix G – Physical/Occupational Therapy (PT/OT), Speech Therapy (ST), and Home Health PT/OT/ST Rate Comparison Methodology



Physical/Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Per Diem Calculation Methodology

In order to compare outpatient physical therapy/occupational therapy and speech therapy (PT/OT/ST) to Home Health PT/OT/ST, we needed to calculate the per day expenditure.

Home Health is paid by revenue codes on a per diem basis; the therapists can offer many services but are reimbursed a single daily rate.

Outpatient Physical/Occupational and Speech therapies are reimbursed based on procedure codes. Multiple procedure codes can be billed the same day. Also, some procedure codes are billed in 15-minute units increments whereas others are untimed codes. To calculate the per day rate for PT/OT/ST, all the dollars paid for the untimed codes were added to the paid totals for timed codes, then divided by the total service days during the period. Service days were calculated as the difference between the beginning service day and ending service day + 1 to include the start date.