PROFESSIONAL FEES FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES HOD P06-00-22-34
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Physical therapists are professionally responsible for fees charged for their services. Physical therapists should charge fees for their services that are reasonable. In cases where the fee for service cannot be determined because of the payment methodology, the physical therapist should be aware of the payment methodology.

Physical therapists should:

- Be knowledgeable of practice or institutional fee schedules, contractual relationships and payment methodologies used in relation to physical therapy services.
- Participate, to the extent possible, in establishing practice or institutional fee schedules/contractual relationships and attempt to ensure that providers, agencies, or other employers adopt physical therapy fee schedules and contractual relationships that are reasonable and that encourage access to necessary services.
- Accurately document services provided including the selection of correct description and billing codes.
- Charge professional fees that are reasonable, never placing their own financial interest above the welfare of individuals under their care.
- Include, where feasible, their license number on all billing for their professional services.
- Seek guidance from the Code of Ethics and Guide for Professional Conduct, applicable state law, and other institutional or payer policies if any question or disagreement arises regarding professional fees.

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