2017 Physical Therapy Evaluation Codes

• 3 Evaluation Codes (97161, 97162, and 97163)
  – Low complexity, moderate complexity, high complexity
  – Components:
    • Patient history (comorbidities, personal factors),
    • Examination and the use of standardized tests and measures,
    • Clinical presentation, and
    • Clinical decision making

• 1 Reevaluation Code (97164)
  – Performed when an established patient is being evaluated to update a plan of care

• All incorporate use of standardized tests and measures and patient assessment instruments or functional outcome measures
Clinical Decision Making

History
Comorbidity and personal factors that impact the plan of care

Examination
Body systems: structures and functions
Activity limitations and/or participation restrictions

Clinical Presentation
Stable, Evolving, Unstable

Evaluation complexity: low, moderate, or high
97161, 97162, 97163
### Evaluation Complexity

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<td>A history with no personal factors and/or comorbidities that impact the plan of care</td>
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A history of present problem with 3 or more personal factors and/or comorbidities that impact the plan of care;

An examination of body systems using standardized tests and measures addressing a total of 4 or more elements from any of the following: body structures and functions, activity limitations, and/or participation restrictions;

A clinical presentation with unstable and unpredictable characteristics; and
97164 – Physical Therapy Reevaluation: Established Plan of Care

• Requires an examination including a review of history and use of standardized tests and measures; and

• Revised plan of care using a standardized patient assessment instrument and/or measurable assessment of functional outcome