

# PROVIDERALERT



**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

**Date: July 20, 2018**

**Subject: Revised Prior Authorization Requirements for Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy Services – Effective 8/20/2018**

**Summary: Effective August 20, 2018,** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will require an authorization for all outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy services after the initial evaluation or re-evaluation.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will begin requiring an authorization for all outpatient therapy services after the initial evaluation or re-evaluation, beginning with dates of services on or after **August 20, 2018**. This requirement will apply to both private and facility based providers and is intended to standardize prior authorization requirements across all outpatient therapies and visits.

If physical, occupational, or speech therapy services are billed without an authorization on or after **August 20, 2018**, the claim will deny.

CPT Code	Description
92507	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder; individual
92508	group, 2 or more individuals
97010	Application of a modality to 1 or more areas; hot or cold packs
97012	traction, mechanical
97014	electrical stimulation (unattended)
97016	vasopneumatic devices
97018	paraffin bath
97022	whirlpool
97024	diathermy (e.g., microwave)
97026	infrared
97028	ultraviolet
97032	Application of a modality to 1 or more areas; electrical stimulation (manual), each 15 minutes
97033	iontophoresis, each 15 minutes
97035	ultrasound, each 15 minutes
97036	Hubbard tank, each 15 minutes
97110	Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility
97112	Neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and/or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities
97113	aquatic therapy with therapeutic exercises

<b>CPT Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
97116	gait training (includes stair climbing)
97124	massage, including effleurage, petrissage and/or tapotement (stroking, compression, percussion)
97140	Manual therapy techniques (e.g., mobilization/manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction) 1 or more regions, each 15 minutes.
97150	Therapeutic procedure(s), group (2 or more individuals)
97530	Therapeutic activities, direct (one-on-one) patient contact (use of dynamic activities to improve functional performance), each 15 minutes
97533	Sensory integrative techniques to enhance sensory processing and promote adaptive responses to environmental demands, direct (one-on-one) patient contact, each 15 minutes
97535	Self-care/home management training (e.g., activities of daily living (ADL) and compensatory training, meal preparation, safety procedures, and instructions in use of assistive technology devices/adaptive equipment) direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes
97537	Community/work reintegration training (e.g., shopping, transportation, money management, avocational activities and/or work environment/modification analysis, work task analysis, use of assistive technology device/adaptive equipment), direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes.

*For a detailed description of codes listed in this notice, please refer to the current CPT Professional Codebook.*

**Questions:**

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