

Payment for Evaluation and Management Services on the Same Day as Physical Therapy and/or Occupational Therapy

It is the position of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation that reimbursement for physician evaluation and management services should not be reduced or denied by Medicare, Medicaid, Workers Compensation or private third-party insurance carriers if the patient also receives physical therapy and/or occupational therapy on the same day.

Requiring a patient to return on a different day is obviously not cost effective for either the physician or the patient. This creates difficulties and delays treatment for patients who by definition are suffering from some type of disability or who are elderly.

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