Physical Therapy Billing Example: CMS-1500

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The example in this section is to assist providers in billing for physical therapy services on the *CMS-1500* claim form. Refer to the *Physical Therapy* section of this manual for detailed policy information. Refer to the *CMS-1500 Completion* section of this manual for instructions to complete claim fields not explained in the following example. For additional claim preparation information, refer to the *Forms: Legibility and Completion Standards* section of this manual.

Billing Tips: When completing claims, do not enter the decimal points in ICD-10-CM codes or dollar amounts. If requested information does not fit neatly in the *Additional Claim Information* field (Box 19) of the claim, type it on an 8½ x 11-inch sheet of paper and attach it to the claim.

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Physical Therapy Visits

Figure 1: Physical Therapy Visits

This is a sample only. Please adapt to your billing situation.

In this example, a physical therapist is billing for an initial evaluation and subsequent therapy visits. HCPCS codes X3920 (any of the tests and measurements; initial 30 minute, plus report) and X3908 (treatment, including a combination of any modalities and procedures) are entered in the *Procedures, Services or Supplies field* (Box 24D).

Since the patient's accident/injury is not employment related, an "X" is entered in the *No* box of the *Employment* field (Box 10A). The date that the accident/injury occurred is entered in the *Date of Current Illness, Injury, or Pregnancy* field (Box 14).

All physical therapy services require authorization. The *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) number is entered in the *Prior Authorization Number* field (Box 23). Also, physical therapists are reimbursed for services <u>only</u> if the services are in response to the written prescription of licensed practitioners, acting within the scope of their practice. The referring physician's name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) are entered in the *Name of Referring Provider or Other Source* field (Box 17) and *NPI* field (Box 17B).

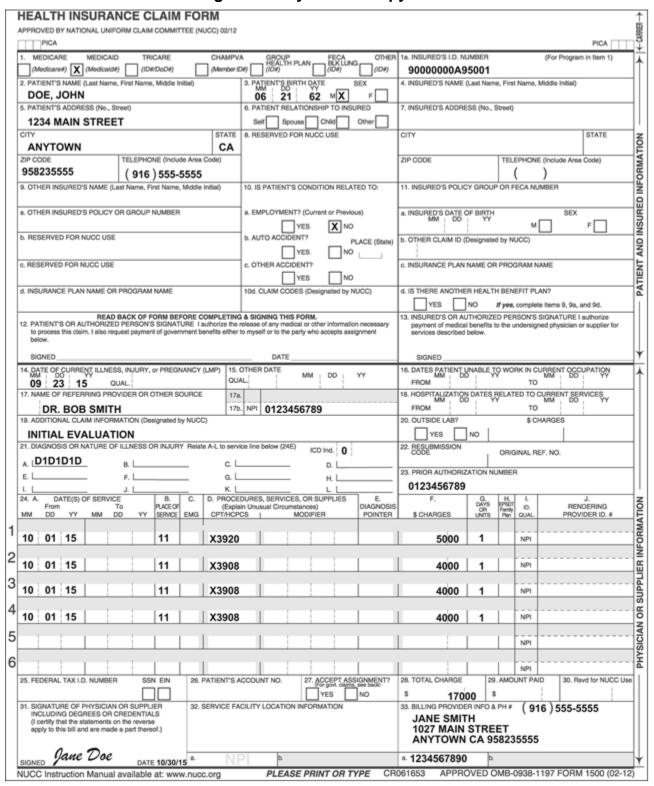
Because the physical therapist is billing for an initial evaluation, a statement saying this must be entered in the *Additional Claim Information* field (Box 19).

In this example, an ICD-10-CM code is entered in the *Diagnosis or Nature of Illness or Injury* field (Box 21). Because this claim is submitted with a diagnosis code, an ICD indicator is required between the dotted lines in the *ICD Ind.* area of Box 21. An indicator is required only when an ICD-10-CM/PCS code is entered on the claim.

Enter the usual and customary charges in the Charges field (Box 24F).

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