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The following amendment is made to The Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule of April 1, 2007, adopted by the State Board of Workers' Compensation and will become effective July 1, 2007.

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Section IV: General Reimbursement Requirements

Physical Medicine Maximum per Visit and/or Day:

No more than four charges will be reimbursed per visit/day regardless of medical necessity. No more than two of the charges can be modality codes (CPT codes 97010-97039). Each unit (15 minutes) reported counts as one charge. Exemptions to this rule are as follows:

- 1) An injured worker has been diagnosed with a catastrophic injury, O.C.G.A. §34-9-200.1(g).
- 2) CPT codes 97545 and 97546 report work hardening/work conditioning. CPT code 97545 reports the first two hours and CPT code 97546 reports each additional hour. The total dollar amount reimbursed for work hardening/work conditioning reported with these two CPT codes shall not exceed **\$267.00** per visit/day.
- 3) CPT code 97750 - **Physical Performance Test/Measurements with Report 15 Minutes. This code must be used for billing** functional capacity evaluations (not to exceed \$600.00).

CPT code 97750 must be used by physical/occupational therapists when billing for Physical Performance Test/Measurements that are required by the treating physician in preparing an impairment rating. No more than 4 time units per visit per day can be billed. Additional physical medicine treatment can be conducted on the same day, with reimbursement in accordance with Section XI - Physical Medicine Services. Modifier 59 may be used when multiple procedures are performed on the same day.

CPT code 99455 or 99456 should be used by the treating physician when performing an impairment rating.

Under the guidelines above, Physical Performance Test/Measurement testing and functional capacity evaluation can be performed on the same day by physical/occupational therapists. Modifier 59 may be used when multiple procedures are performed on the same day.

- 4) CPT code 97760, **Orthotic** management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported) for custom-made orthotics, CPT code 97761, Prosthetic training, and CPT code 97762, Checkout for orthotic/prosthetic use, established patient.
- 5) By mutual agreement of all parties.”

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Section XI: Physical Medicine Services

Multiple Concurrent Physical Medicine Procedures and Modalities:

“Multiple concurrent physical medicine procedures are subject to the following rules and limitations.

- No more than four physical medicine procedures, modalities or time units will be reimbursed in one visit by each type of medical provider. No more than two of the four CPT code charges can be modality codes (CPT codes 97010-97039). The only exceptions to this are:
 - 1) if injured employee is diagnosed as “catastrophic”
 - 2) 2) CPT codes 97545 and 97546 (see page 12, Physical Medicine Maximum Per Visit and/or Day for more details)
 - 3) **CPT code 97750 when used for Functional capacity evaluation (FCE) only with a limit of \$600.00**
 - 4) **CPT code 97750 must be used by physical/occupational therapists when billing for Physical Performance Test/Measurements that are required by the treating physician in preparing an impairment rating. No more than 4 time units per visit per day can be billed. Additional physical medicine treatment can be conducted on the same day, with reimbursement in accordance with Section XI - Physical Medicine Services. Modifier 59 may be used when multiple procedures are performed on the same day.**

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- established patient. CPT code 97762 is used to checkout the custom-made Orthotic/prosthetic for any medically necessary adjustments
- 6) by mutual agreement of all parties

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Medical Expense Disputes; Item number 3

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