

New Evaluation Codes – Update December 28th, 2016

On Sunday, December 25th, 2016, we uploaded all of the new evaluation CPT codes to everyone's system. All databases now have the new codes. We also updated the phrases so they will display correctly on your documentation whenever you use the new evaluation codes. Users do not have to do anything unique or new to use the codes except choose the correct codes. The new eval codes are more specific, so you may want to familiarize yourself with the new codes.

We will leave the old evaluation CPT codes in the system for the next week so you can finish up any billing that needs to be done for 2016. All billing in 2017 must use the new evaluation CPT codes.

The new codes are as follows:

- 97161 Physical therapy evaluation: low complexity.**
- 97162 Physical therapy evaluation: moderate complexity.**
- 97163 Physical therapy evaluation: high complexity.**
- 97164 Reevaluation of physical therapy established plan of care.**
- 97165 Occupational therapy evaluation, low complexity.**
- 97166 Occupational therapy evaluation, moderate complexity.**
- 97167 Occupational therapy evaluation, high complexity.**
- 97168 Reevaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care.**

You may also notice that the G-Code description has been changed. They are no longer described as PQRS/FLR codes. They are now described as QPP/FLR codes. This does not affect the codes in any way other than simply complying with the instruction to describe the code correctly.