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Montana Medicaid Notice
Physicians

Sports Physicals

A sports physical is typically a non-problem-oriented encounter in which you evaluate and certify a patient's involvement in organized sports, such as high school football. If you perform a comprehensive history and physical examination, report the age-appropriate code from the preventive medicine series. If you perform less than a comprehensive history and exam, report the appropriate level office or other outpatient E&M visit code. Typically, you'd use diagnosis code V70.3 (general medical examination; other medical examination for administrative purposes), which includes general medical exams for sports competition, for a sports physical.

Codes 97005 (athletic training evaluation) and 97006 (athletic training re-evaluation) should NOT be used for sports physicals. From a CPT perspective, athletic training codes are generally problem-oriented, and they include recognition and evaluation of an athletic injury; management and recommendations for treatment; and educational training related to the specific injury. Athletic trainers most commonly provide these services.

Montana Medicaid will now cover codes 97005 and 97006 only as listed above.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

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