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Neurodevelopmental Centers for Clients 20 Years of Age and Younger Provider Guide

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About this guide*

This publication takes effect July 1, 2014, and supersedes earlier guides to this program.

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- [Home Health Services](#)
- [Outpatient Hospital Services](#)
- [Outpatient Rehabilitation](#)
- [Physician-Related Services/Healthcare Professional Services](#)

What has changed?

| Subject | Change | Reason for Change |
|---|---|---|
| Billing and Claim Forms | Neurodevelopmental centers must use the servicing provider's national provider identifier (NPI) on <i>all</i> claims in order to be paid. If the servicing provider's NPI is not listed on the claim form, the claim may be denied. | This is now a requirement for payment. |
| Billing and Claim Forms | Added information to the general billing requirements, including table of appropriate modifiers to use when billing an agency | Absent from previous version of provider guide |
| Coverage | Removed a list of qualifying diagnoses and added a link to the agency's <i>Habilitative Services Provider Guide</i> | Linking directly to original chart reduces possibility for errors |
| Client Eligibility | Added more details on eligibility for Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) | Clarification |
| All | Housekeeping throughout | Hyperlink repairs, formatting, pagination |

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Resources Available

| Topic | Resource |
|--|---|
| Becoming a provider or submitting a change of address or ownership | See the agency's Resources Available web page . |
| Finding out about payments, denials, claims processing, or agency managed care organizations | |
| Electronic or paper billing | |
| Finding agency documents (e.g., Provider Guides, Provider Notices, fee schedules) | |
| Private insurance or third-party liability, other than agency managed care | |
| Prior authorization or exception to rule | |
| Select definitions | See the agency's Medical Assistance Glossary . |
| Where do I find the agency's maximum allowable fees for services? | See the agency's online Rates Development Fee Schedules |

About the Program

What do neurodevelopmental centers do?

Neurodevelopmental centers (NDCs) provide outpatient physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and audiology services to children with neuromuscular or developmental disorders, such as cerebral palsy, Down's syndrome, autism, and pervasive developmental delay. NDCs serve clients 20 years of age and younger, although some NDCs further limit the age range they serve.

Who may provide services?

(WAC [182-545-200](#), WAC [182-531-0375](#))

After a client's primary care physician initiates NDC services by requesting an evaluation, the following health care professionals may provide services within their scope of practice to eligible clients in neurodevelopmental centers:

- Licensed occupational therapists
- Licensed occupational therapy assistants (OTA) supervised by a licensed occupational therapist
- Licensed physical therapists
- Psychiatrists
- Physical therapist assistants supervised by a licensed physical therapist
- Speech-language pathologists who have been granted a certificate of clinical competence by the American Speech, Hearing and Language Association
- Speech-language pathologists who have completed the equivalent educational and work experience necessary for such a certificate
- Audiologists who are licensed or registered to perform audiology services

Client Eligibility

How can I verify a patient's eligibility?

Clients 20 years of age and younger may be eligible to receive services in a neurodevelopmental center, depending on their benefit package. Providers must verify that a patient has Washington Apple Health coverage for the date of service, and that the client's benefit package covers the applicable service. This helps prevent delivering a service the agency will not pay for.

Verifying eligibility is a two-step process:

Step 1. Verify the patient's eligibility for Washington Apple Health. For detailed instructions on verifying a patient's eligibility for Washington Apple Health, see the *Client Eligibility, Benefit Packages, and Coverage Limits* section in the agency's current [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

If the patient is eligible for Washington Apple Health, proceed to **Step 2**. If the patient is **not** eligible, see the note box below.

Step 2. Verify service coverage under the Washington Apple Health client's benefit package. To determine if the requested service is a covered benefit under the Washington Apple Health client's benefit package, see the agency's [Health Care Coverage—Program Benefit Packages and Scope of Service Categories](#) web page.

Note: Patients who are not Washington Apple Health clients may submit an application for health care coverage in one of the following ways:

1. By visiting the Washington Healthplanfinder's website at: www.wahealthplanfinder.org
2. By calling the Customer Support Center toll-free at: 855-WAFINDER (855-923-4633) or 855-627-9604 (TTY)
3. By mailing the application to:
Washington Healthplanfinder
PO Box 946
Olympia, WA 98507

In-person application assistance is also available. To get information about in-person application assistance available in their area, people may visit www.wahealthplanfinder.org or call the Customer Support Center.

Are clients enrolled in an agency-contracted managed care organization (MCO) eligible?

(WAC [182-538-063](#))

Yes. Clients enrolled with an agency-contracted managed care organization (MCO) are eligible for services in neurodevelopmental centers. When verifying eligibility using ProviderOne, if the client is enrolled in an agency-contracted managed care organization (MCO), managed care enrollment will be displayed on the client benefit inquiry screen. Services provided in an NDC will be covered under the agency's fee-for-service program.

Are Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) clients covered?

Yes. For the client who has chosen to obtain care with a PCCM provider, this information will be displayed on the client benefit inquiry screen in ProviderOne. These clients must obtain or be referred for services via a PCCM provider. The PCCM provider is responsible for coordination of care just like the PCP would be in a plan setting.

Coverage

What services are covered?

(WAC [182-545-900](tel:182-545-900))

The Health Care Authority (agency) covers unlimited services in a neurodevelopmental center for clients 20 years of age and younger, with the following exception: clients 19 through 20 years of age in Medical Care Services (MCS) are eligible for **limited** outpatient rehabilitation. For these clients, the outpatient rehabilitation benefit applies. See the [Outpatient Rehabilitation Provider Guide](#).

What are habilitative services under this program?

Habilitative services are those medically necessary services provided to help a client partially or fully attain or maintain developmental age-appropriate skills that were not fully acquired due to a congenital, genetic, or early-acquired health condition. Such services are required to maximize the client's ability to function in his or her environment.

Effective January 1, 2014, and applicable to those clients in the expanded population and covered by the Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) only, the agency will cover outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy to treat one of the qualifying conditions listed in the agency's [Habilitative Services Provider Guide](#), under *Client Eligibility*.

How do I bill for habilitative services?

Habilitative services must be billed using one of the qualifying diagnosis codes listed in the agency's *Habilitative Services Provider Guide* in the primary diagnosis field on the claim form.

Coverage Table

Note: Due to its licensing agreement with the American Medical Association, the agency publishes only the official, short CPT[®] code descriptions. To view the full descriptions, refer to a current CPT[®] book.

| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|---|----------|------------------------------|--|
| Physical therapy | | | |
| 64550 | | Apply neurostimulator | Not covered |
| 95831 | GP | Limb muscle testing, manual | Muscle testing procedures cannot be billed in combination with each other. They can be billed alone or with other PT/OT procedure codes. |
| 95832 | GP | Hand muscle testing, manual | |
| 95833 | GP | Body muscle testing, manual | |
| 95834 | GP | Body muscle testing, manual | |
| 95851 | GP | Range of motion measurements | Excluding hands |
| 95852 | GP | Range of motion measurements | Including hands |
| 96125 | GP | Cognitive test by hc pro | |
| 97010 | GP | Hot or cold packs therapy | Included in primary services. Bundled |
| 97012 | GP | Mechanical traction therapy | |
| 97014 | GP | Electric stimulation therapy | |
| 97016 | GP | Vasopneumatic device therapy | |
| 97018 | GP | Paraffin bath therapy | |
| 97022 | GP | Whirlpool therapy | |
| 97024 | GP | Diathermy treatment | |
| 97026 | GP | Infrared therapy | |
| 97028 | GP | Ultraviolet therapy | |
| Note: The following procedures codes require the therapy provider be in constant attendance. | | | |
| 97001 | GP | PT evaluation | |
| 97002 | GP | PT re-evaluation | |
| 97005 | | Athletic train evaluation | Not covered |
| 97006 | | Athletic train re-evaluation | Not covered |
| 97032 | GP | Electrical stimulation | Timed 15 min units |
| 97033 | GP | Electric current therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97034 | GP | Contrast bath therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97035 | GP | Ultrasound therapy | Timed 15 min units |

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| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|----------------|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| 97036 | GP | Hydrotherapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97039 | GP | Physical therapy treatment | |
| 97110 | GP | Therapeutic exercises | Timed 15 min units |
| 97112 | GP | Neuromuscular reeducation | Timed 15 min units |
| 97113 | GP | Aquatic therapy/exercises | Times 15 min units |
| 97116 | GP | Gait training therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97124 | GP | Massage therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97139 | GP | Physical medicine procedure | |
| 97140 | GP | Manual therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97150 | GP | Group therapeutic procedures | |
| 97530 | GP | Therapeutic activities | Timed 15 min units |
| 97532 | | Cognitive skills development | Not covered |
| 97533 | | Sensory integration | Not covered |
| 97535 | GP | Self-care management training | Timed 15 min units |
| 97537 | GP | Community/work reintegration | Timed 15 min units |
| 97542 | GP | Wheelchair management training | Assessment is limited to four 15-min units per assessment. Indicate on claim wheelchair assessment |
| 97545 | | Work hardening | Not covered |
| 97546 | | Work hardening add-on | Not covered |
| 97597 | GP | Active wound care/20 cm or < | Do not use in combination with 11040-11044. Limit one per client per day. |
| 97598 | GP | Active wound care > 20 cm | Do not use in combination with 11040-11044 |
| 97602 | GP | Wound(s) care non-selective | Do not use in combination with 11040-11044 |
| 97605 | GP | Neg press wound tx, <50 cm | Included in primary services. Bundled |
| 97606 | GP | Neg press wound tx, >50 cm | Included in primary services. Bundled |
| 97750 | GP | Physical performance test | Do not use to bill for an evaluation (97001) or re-eval (97002) |
| 97755 | GP | Assistive technology assess | Timed 15 min units |
| 97760 | GP | Orthotic mgmt and training | Can be billed alone or with other PT/OT procedure codes |
| 97761 | GP | Prosthetic training | Timed 15 min units |
| 97762 | GP | C/o for orthotic/prosth use | Use this code for DME assessment. Use modifier TS for |

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| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| | | | follow up service. Can be billed alone or with other PT/OT procedure codes. |
| 97799 | GP | Physical medicine procedure | Use this code for custom hand splints. Use modifier to indicate right (RT) or left (LT) hand. Documentation must be attached to claim. |
| Team conferences | | | |
| 99367 | | Team conf w/o pat by phys | |
| Pediatric evaluations | | | |
| 99201 | | Office/outpatient visit, new | |
| 99202 | | Office/outpatient visit, new | |
| 99203 | | Office/outpatient visit, new | |
| 99204 | | Office/outpatient visit, new | |
| 99205 | | Office/outpatient visit, new | |
| 99211 | | Office/outpatient visit, est | |
| 99212 | | Office/outpatient visit, est | |
| 99213 | | Office/outpatient visit, est | |
| 99214 | | Office/outpatient visit, est | |
| 99215 | | Office/outpatient visit, est | |
| Speech-language pathologists | | | |
| 92521 | GN | Evaluation of speech fluency | |
| 92522 | GN | Evaluate speech production | |
| 92523 | GN | Speech sound lang comprehen | |
| 92524 | GN | Behavral qualit analys voice | |
| 92507 | GN | Speech/hearing therapy | |
| 92508 | GN | Speech/hearing therapy | |
| 92526 | GN | Oral function therapy | |
| 92551 | GN | Pure tone hearing test, air | |
| 92597 | GN | Oral speech device eval | |
| 92605 | GN | Evaluation for rx of nonspeech device 1 hr | Limit 1 hour Included in primary services. Bundled |
| 92618 | GN | Eval for rx of nonspeech device addl | Add on to 92605 Each additional 30 minutes. |

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| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|-----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | | | Bundled |
| 92606 | GN | Non-speech device service | Included in Primary services. Bundled |
| 92607 | GN | Ex for speech device rx, 1hr | Limit 1 hour |
| 92608 | GN | Ex for speech device rx addl | Each additional 30 min |
| 92609 | GN | Use of speech device service | |
| 92610 | GN | Evaluate swallowing function | |
| 92611 | GN | Motion fluoroscopy/swallow | |
| 92630 | GN | Aud rehab pre-ling hear loss | |
| 92633 | GN | Aud rehab postling hear loss | |
| 96125 | GN | Cognitive test by hc pro | |
| 97532 | GN | Cognitive skills development | Timed 15 min units |
| 97533 | GN | Sensory integration | Timed 15 min units |
| S9152 | GN | Speech therapy, re-eval | |
| Audiologists | | | |
| 69210 | AF | Remove impacted ear wax | |
| 92521 | AF | Evaluation of speech fluency | |
| 92522 | AF | Evaluate speech production | |
| 92523 | AF | Speech sound lang comprehen | |
| 92524 | AF | Behavral qualit analys voice | |
| 92541 | AF | Spontaneous nystagmus test | |
| 92542 | AF | Positional nystagmus test | |
| 92543 | AF | Caloric vestibular test | |
| 92544 | AF | Optokinetic nystagmus test | |
| 92545 | AF | Oscillating tracking test | |
| 92546 | AF | Sinusoidal rotational test | |
| 92547 | AF | Supplemental electrical test | |
| 92550 | AF | Tympanometry & reflex thresh | |
| 92551 | AF | Pure tone hearing test, air | |
| 92552 | AF | Pure tone audiometry, air | |
| 92553 | AF | Audiometry, air & bone | |
| 92555 | AF | Speech threshold audiometry | |
| 92556 | AF | Speech audiometry, complete | |

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| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|-----------------------------|----------|--|---|
| 92557 | AF | Comprehensive hearing test | |
| 92558 | AF | Evoked otoacoustic emissions screening- audiologists | |
| 92567 | AF | Tympanometry | |
| 92568 | AF | Acoustic reflex testing | |
| 92570 | AF | Acoustic immittance testing | |
| 92579 | AF | Visual audiometry (vra) | |
| 92582 | AF | Conditioning play audiometry | |
| 92584 | AF | Electrocochleography | |
| 92585 | AF | Auditor evoke potent, compre | |
| 92586 | AF | Auditor evoke potent, limit | |
| 92587 | AF | Evoked auditory test | |
| 92588 | AF | Evoked auditory test | |
| 92601 | AF | Cochlear implt f/up exam < 7 | |
| 92602 | AF | Reprogram cochlear implt < 7 | |
| 92603 | AF | Cochlear implt f/up exam 7 > | |
| 92604 | AF | Reprogram cochlear implt 7 > | |
| 92611 | AF | Motion fluoroscopy/swallow | |
| 92620 | AF | Auditory function, 60 min | |
| 92621 | AF | Auditory function, + 15 min | |
| 92625 | AF | Tinnitus assessment | |
| 92626 | AF | Oral function therapy | |
| 92627 | AF | Oral speech device eval | |
| 92630 | AF | Aud rehab pre-ling hear loss | |
| 92633 | AF | Aud rehab postling hear loss | |
| 97532 | AF | Cognitive skills development | One 15 minute increment equals one visit |
| 97533 | AF | Sensory integration | One 15 minute increment equals one visit |
| Occupational therapy | | | |
| 64550 | | Apply neurostimulator | Not covered |
| 92526 | GO | Oral function therapy | |
| 95831 | GO | Limb muscle testing, manual | Muscle testing procedures cannot be billed in combination with each other. Can be billed alone or with other PT/OT procedure codes. |
| 95832 | GO | Hand muscle testing, manual | |
| 95833 | GO | Body muscle testing, manual | |
| 95834 | GO | Body muscle testing, manual | |

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| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|----------------|----------|--------------------------------|--|
| 95851 | GO | Range of motion measurements | Excluding hands |
| 95852 | GO | Range of motion measurements | Including hands |
| 96125 | GO | Cognitive test by hc pro | |
| 97003 | GO | OT evaluation | |
| 97004 | GO | OT re-evaluation | |
| 97010 | GO | Hot or cold packs therapy | Included in Primary services. Bundled |
| 97014 | GO | Electric stimulation therapy | |
| 97018 | GO | Paraffin bath therapy | |
| 97032 | GO | Electrical stimulation | Timed 15 min units |
| 97034 | GO | Contrast bath therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97110 | GO | Therapeutic exercises | Timed 15 min units |
| 97112 | GO | Neuromuscular reeducation | Timed 15 min units |
| 97113 | GO | Aquatic therapy/exercises | Timed 15 min units |
| 97124 | GO | Massage therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97140 | GO | Manual therapy | Timed 15 min units |
| 97150 | GO | Group therapeutic procedures | |
| 97530 | GO | Therapeutic activities | Timed 15 min units |
| 97532 | GO | Cognitive skills development | Timed 15 min units |
| 97533 | GO | Sensory integration | Timed 15 min units |
| 97535 | GO | Self-care management training | Timed 15 min units |
| 97537 | GO | Community/work reintegration | Timed 15 min units |
| 97542 | GO | Wheelchair management training | Assessment is limited to four 15-min units per assessment. Indicate on claim wheelchair assessment |
| 97597 | GO | Active wound care/20 cm or < | Do not use in combination with 11040-11044. Limit one per client per day |
| 97598 | GO | Active wound care > 20 cm | Do not use in combination with 11040-11044 |
| 97602 | GO | Wound(s) care non-selective | Do not use in combination with 11040-11044 |
| 97605 | GO | Neg press wound tx, <50 cm | Included in Primary services. Bundled |
| 97606 | GO | Neg press wound tx, >50 cm | Included in Primary services. Bundled |
| 97750 | GO | Physical performance test | Do not use to bill for an evaluation (97001) or re-eval (97002) |
| 97755 | GO | Assistive technology assess | Timed 15 min units |

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| Procedure Code | Modifier | Short Description | Comments |
|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| 97760 | GO | Orthotic management and training | Can be billed alone or with other PT/OT procedure codes |
| 97761 | GO | Prosthetic training | Timed 15 min units |
| 97762 | GO, TS | C/o for orthotic/prosth use | Use this code for DME assessment. Use modifier TS for follow up service. Can be billed alone or with other PT/OT procedure codes |
| 97799 | GO & RT or LT | Physical medicine procedure | Use this code for custom hand splints. Use modifier to indicate right (RT) or left (LT) hand. Documentation must be attached to claim. |

Payment

What must an NDC do to be reimbursed by the agency?

To be reimbursed for the services listed in the coverage section, an NDC must:

- Contract with the Department of Health (DOH) as a neurodevelopmental center.
- Provide documentation of its DOH contract to the agency.
- Have an approved core-provider agreement with the agency.

To be reimbursed for the services listed in the coverage section, each service must be:

- Covered by the client's benefit package.
- Medically necessary, as defined in WAC [182-500-0070](#).
- Within the scope of the eligible client's medical care program.
- Ordered by a physician, physician assistant (PA), or an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP).
- Begun within 30 days of the date ordered.
- Provided by an approved health professional.
- Billed according to this guide.
- Provided as part of an outpatient treatment program in a neurodevelopmental center, as described in WAC [182-545-900](#).

What services does the agency not pay for?

The agency does not pay for:

- Duplicate services for the same client when two or more providers are performing the same or similar intervention on the same date.
- Services included as part of the reimbursement for other treatment programs. This includes, but is not limited to, hospital inpatient and nursing facility services (see WAC [182-545-900](https://www.wa.gov/wac/182-545-900)).

Billing and Claim Forms

Are servicing provider national provider identifiers (NPIs) required on all claims?

Yes. Neurodevelopmental centers (NDCs) must use the servicing provider's national provider identifier (NPI) on *all* claims in order to be paid. If the servicing provider's NPI is not listed on the claim form, the claim may be denied. Providers must follow the billing requirements listed in the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#).

How is the CMS-1500 claim form completed?

The agency's online webinars are available to providers with instructions on how to bill professional claims and crossover claims electronically:

- [DDE Professional claim](#)
- [DDE Professional with Primary Insurance](#)
- [DDE Medicare Crossover Claim](#)

Also, see Appendix I of the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#) for general instructions on completing the CMS-1500 claim form.

Are modifiers required for billing?

Yes. Neurodevelopmental centers must use the appropriate modifier when billing the agency:

| MODALITY | MODIFIERS |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Physical Therapy | GP |
| Occupational Therapy | GO |
| Speech Therapy | GN |
| Audiology and Specialty Physician | AF |

What are the general billing requirements?

Providers must follow the agency's [ProviderOne Billing and Resource Guide](#). These billing requirements include the following:

- What time limits exist for submitting and resubmitting claims and adjustments
- When providers may bill a client
- How to bill for services provided to primary care case management (PCCM) clients
- How to bill for clients eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid
- How to handle third-party liability claims
- What standards to use for record keeping