



Professional Fee Schedule Clarification For DOS on or after July 1, 2013 01/28/2014

Passive therapy vs passive modalities

In the 2013 Professional Fee Schedule Instruction Set, page 15, passive therapy was a term used for restricting passive modalities. It was the Employment Relations Bureau's intent that only passive modalities should be restricted to 1 unit when active therapy is being applied. Manual therapy is an active procedure not a passive modality.

A total of 8 units of active and passive therapy may be billed in each session. If active therapy is being applied, only one unit of a passive modality may be included in the 8 units. For example hot/cold packs, electrical stimulation, iontophoresis, ultrasound, etc, are considered passive modalities. Joint mobilization, for example, is an active procedure not a modality and is therefore not limited to the one unit for a passive modality.

CPT code 97750 which is a special report is not considered a passive therapy.