PHYSICAL THERAPY
TERMS OF REIMBURSEMENT

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will establish maximum allowable fees for all covered physical therapy services provided to Wisconsin Medicaid members eligible on the date of service. The maximum allowable fees shall be based on various factors, including a review of usual and customary charges submitted to Wisconsin Medicaid, the Wisconsin State Legislature's Medicaid budgetary constraints, and other relevant economic limitations. Maximum allowable fees may be adjusted to reflect reimbursement limits or limits on the availability of state and federal funding.

Providers are required to bill their usual and customary charges for services provided. The usual and customary charge is the amount charged by the provider for the same service when provided to non-Medicaid patients. For providers using a sliding fee scale for specific services, the usual and customary charge is the median of the individual provider's charge for the service when provided to non-Medicaid patients.

For each covered service, DHS shall pay the lesser of a provider's usual and customary charge or the maximum allowable fee established by DHS. Medicaid reimbursement, less appropriate copayments and payments by other insurers, will be considered to be payment in full.

DHS will adjust payments made to providers to reflect the amounts of any allowable copayments that the providers are required to collect pursuant to Wis. Stat. ch. 49.

Payments for deductible and coinsurance payable on an assigned Medicare claim shall be made in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 49.46(2)(c).

In accordance with federal regulations contained in 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, DHS will provide public notice in advance of the effective date of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting maximum allowable fees for services.

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