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The 2 familiar CPT codes for physical therapy evaluation and reevaluation will disappear beginning January 2017. In their place, PTs must begin using 3 new evaluation codes and a new reevaluation code. Now is the time to become familiar with them.

The CMS proposed physician fee schedule for 2017 introduced the 3 new CPT codes for physical therapy evaluation and 1 new code for reevaluation. The new evaluation codes reflect 3 levels of patient presentation: low-complexity (97161), moderate-complexity (97162), and high-complexity (97163), and will replace the current 97001 code. The new reevaluation code replaces the current 97002. These new codes require precertification as they are replacing codes that are on the precertification list today.

Use this visual guide to become familiar with the new CPT evaluation codes
<http://www.apta.org/uploadedFiles/APTAorg/Payment/Reform/NewEvalCodesQuickGuide.pdf>.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, we ask that you contact your Provider Relations Representative or call our Provider Service line at 1-877-915-0551, Prompt # 4.

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