

FAQ: Orthosis related Coding Changes 2018

What codes are being revised?

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel revised the set of codes physical and occupational therapists use to report orthotic and prosthetic management and training services by differentiating between initial and subsequent encounters through the

- Addition of the term “**initial encounter**” to the code descriptors for CPT codes 97760 and 97761
- Creation of CPT code 97763 to describe all **subsequent** encounters for orthotics and/or prosthetics management and training services
- Deletion of CPT code 97762

What is the CMS definition of new code 97763?

CPT code 97763 Orthotic(s)/prosthetic(s) management and/or training, upper extremity(ies), lower extremity(ies), and/or trunk, **subsequent** orthotic(s)/prosthetic(s) encounter, each 15 minutes

97763 should be used to describe **all subsequent encounters** for orthotics and/or prosthetics management and training services.

According to [this CMS document](#) released on November 21, 2017 “CPT code 97763 is designated as ‘always therapy’ and must always be reported with the appropriate therapy modifier, GN, GO or GP, to indicate whether it’s under a speech-language pathology (SLP), occupational therapy (OT) or physical therapy (PT) plan of care, respectively.”

What is the new descriptor for CPT codes 97760 and 97761?

They are to be reported for the **initial encounter** only

- CPT code 97760 (Orthotic(s) management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported), upper extremity(ies), lower extremity(ies) and/or trunk, **initial** orthotic(s) encounter, each 15 minutes)
- CPT code 97761 (Prosthetic(s) training, upper and/or lower extremity(ies), **initial** prosthetic(s) encounter, each 15 minutes)