

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
State Nebraska
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Nebraska Medicaid pays for occupational therapy services provided by independent providers at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge; or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code in the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule for that date of service. The allowable amount is indicated in the fee schedule - as:
 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor;
 - b. The invoice cost (indicated as "IC" in the fee schedule);
 - c. The maximum allowable dollar amount; or
 - d. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" – by report or "RNE" - rate not established in the fee schedule).

The Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule is effective July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Revisions of the Fee Schedule: The Department reserves the right to adjust the fee schedule to:

1. Comply with changes in state or federal requirements;
2. Comply with changes in nationally-recognized coding systems, such as HCPCS and CPT;
3. Establish an initial allowable amount for a new procedure based on information that was not available when the fee schedule was established for the current year; and
4. Adjust the allowable amount when the Medicaid Division determines that the current allowable amount is:
 - a. Not appropriate for the service provided; or
 - b. Based on errors in data or calculation.

When services which are reimbursed per a fee schedule, except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. Occupational Therapy, the agency's rates were set as of July 1, 2016 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published at: http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_practitioner_fee_schedule.aspx

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Payment for Telehealth Services: Payment for telehealth services is set at the Medicaid rate for the comparable in-person service.

Payment for Telehealth Transmission Costs: Payment for telehealth transmission costs is set at the lower of: (1) the providers submitted charge; or (2) the maximum allowable amount.

The Department reimburses transmission costs for line charges when directly related to a covered telehealth service. The transmission must be in compliance with the quality standards for real time, two way interactive audiovisual transmission as set forth in state regulations, as amended.

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