



physical therapy assistant (pta) payment policy

description of procedure/service

This policy applies to the payment of covered physical therapy services provided by a Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA).

PTA definition: A person who is licensed as a physical therapist assistant, if applicable, by the state in which practicing and meets the following requirements:

- Has graduated from a 2-year college-level program approved by the American Physical Therapy Association; or
- Has 2 years of appropriate experience as a physical therapy assistant, and has achieved a satisfactory grade on a proficiency examination conducted, approved, or sponsored by the U.S. Public Health Service, except that these determinations of proficiency do not apply with respect to persons initially licensed by a State or seeking initial qualification as a PTA after December 31, 1977.

policy

Fallon Community Health Plan will not reimburse a PTA directly for PTA services.

benefits application

- FCHP Direct Care/FCHP Select Care
- FCHP Independent Care
- FCHP Flex Care Direct/Select
- Fallon Senior Plan™
- FCHP MassHealth
- Major Medical
- Bill at Home/Direct Enrollment
- Fallon Preferred Care
- Fallon Senior Preferred Care

coverage and reimbursement criteria

Coverage is limited to those services a PTA is legally authorized to perform in accordance with state law. PTA services are provided under the personal supervision of the treating physical therapist. Personal supervision requires the therapist to be in the room while services are being rendered. PTAs may not

- Provide evaluation services
- Make clinical judgments or decision relating to patient treatment/care
- Take responsibility for the service

PTA services will be reimbursed at 100% of the physical therapist fee schedule.

preauthorization guidelines

Physical therapy services require a written prescription from the ordering position.

billing/coding guidelines

PTA services are billed by the supervising physical therapist.

place of service

This policy applies to services provided in all places of service.

policy implementation

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