

Vasopneumatic Device Modality

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Introduction

Workforce Safety & Insurance (WSI) has adopted the documentation standards from the American Physical Therapy Association's *Guidelines: Physical Therapy Documentation of Patient/Client Management* and will only reimburse a therapy service supported by the medical documentation. See [Physical and Occupational Therapy Documentation Medical Policy](#). The purpose of this document is to establish the criteria WSI requires for reimbursement of a Vasopneumatic Device Modality (**CPT® 97016**).

Policy

For a charge of CPT® 97016, WSI will audit submitted medical documentation for the following:

- Application required the unique skills of a qualified clinician
 - Evaluation of the patient's condition to determine the medical necessity of the device, e.g., the type and amount of edema
 - Treatment parameters which must include:
 - Specific level of pressure in mmHg
 - Duration of use
- Pre- and post-girth measurements
- Area of the body receiving treatment
- Device used for treatment
 - Must have different compartments with adjustable settings
Units with low, medium or high settings are not reimbursable

The Vasopneumatic Device Modality is a supervised modality, so a provider may only report it once per visit, regardless of the number of treated areas or time spent.

WSI will deny reimbursement if the submitted documentation does not meet the criteria outlined in this policy.

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References

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