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NATIONAL REFERENCE PRICE LIST FOR SERVICES BY OCCUPATIONAL AND ART THERAPISTS, EFFECTIVE FROM 1 JANUARY 2005

The following reference price list is not a set of tariffs that must be applied by medical schemes and/or providers. It is rather intended to serve as a baseline against which medical schemes can individually determine benefit levels and health service providers can individually determine fees charged to patients. Medical schemes may, for example, determine in their rules that their benefit in respect of a particular health service is equivalent to a specified percentage of the national health reference price list. It is especially intended to serve as a basis for negotiation between individual funders and individual health care providers with a view to facilitating agreements which will minimise balance billing against members of medical schemes. Should individual medical schemes wish to determine benefit structures, and individual providers determine fee structures, on some other basis without reference to this list, they may do so as well.

In calculating the prices in this schedule, the following rounding method is used: Values R10 and below rounded to the nearest cent, R10+ rounded to the nearest 10cent. Modifier values are rounded to the nearest cent. When new item prices are calculated, e.g. when applying a modifier, the same rounding scheme should be followed.

VAT EXCLUSIVE PRICES APPEAR IN BRACKETS.

REGULATIONS DEFINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROFESSION OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (R2145 - 31 July 1992)

GENERAL RULES

006	<p>Where emergency treatment is provided:</p> <p>a. during working hours, and the provision of such treatment requires the practitioner to leave her or his practice to attend to the patient in hospital; or</p> <p>b. after working hours</p> <p>the fee for such visits shall be the total fee plus 50%.</p> <p>For purposes of this rule:</p> <p>a. "emergency treatment" means a bona fide, justifiable emergency occupational therapy procedure, where failure to provide the procedure immediately would result in serious impairment to bodily functions or serious dysfunction of a bodily organ or part, or would place the person's life in serious jeopardy; and</p> <p>b. "working hours" means 8h00 to 17h00, Monday to Friday.</p> <p>Modifier 0006 must be quoted after the appropriate code number(s) to indicate that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Rule 006 does not apply to art therapy.</p>	U
008	<p>The provision of assistive devices shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus –</p> <p>- 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that appliance is less than one hundred rands;</p> <p>- a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that appliance is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.</p> <p>Modifier 0008 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p>	U
009	<p>Materials used in the construction of orthoses or pressure garments shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <p>- 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands;</p> <p>- a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.</p> <p>Modifier 0009 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Rule 009 does not apply to art therapy.</p>	U
010	<p>Materials used in treatment shall be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <p>- 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands;</p> <p>- a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands.</p> <p>Modifier 0010 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p>	U

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011	<p>Where the therapist performs treatments away from the treatment rooms, travelling costs to be charged according to AA rates e.g. for domiciliary treatments or treatments in nursing homes. Modifier 0011 must be quoted after the appropriate code numbers to show that this rule is applicable.</p> <p>Please note that although only some medical schemes accept responsibility for the payment of transport expenses, others do so in exceptional cases only.</p>	U
012	<p>Every practitioner shall render a monthly account in respect of any service rendered during the month, irrespective of whether or not the treatment has been completed. NB. Every account shall contain the following particulars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i The name and practice number of the consulting occupational or art therapist. ii The name of the member. iii The name of the patient. iv The name of the medical scheme. v The membership number of the patient. vi The nature of the treatment. vii The date on which the service was rendered. viii The relevant diagnostic codes and NHRPL item code numbers relating to the health service rendered. 	U
013	<p>It is recommended that, when such benefits are granted, drugs, consumables and disposable items used during a procedure or issued to a patient on discharge will only be reimbursed by a medical scheme if the appropriate code is supplied on the account.</p> <p>Please note: In the case of occupational therapy, a code will only be required when a standard proprietary (off the shelf) product is used. When a splint or support is made by the occupational therapist using or modifying one or more components, a code cannot accurately identify this non-standard product. Please refer to annexure itemising the most commonly made non-standard products used in occupational therapy and bill accordingly.</p> <p>The Occupational Therapy Association of S A has made available a generic list of non-proprietary splints and pressure garments commonly made by practitioners. The type of materials used to manufacture these products is at the discretion of the practitioner concerned. Price of splints and pressure garments may vary. See Annexures A & B.</p>	C
Modifiers		
0006	Add 50% of the total fee for the procedure. Modifier 0006 does not apply to art therapy.	U
0008	<p>Assistive devices to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that appliance is less than one hundred rands; - a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that appliance is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. 	U
0009	<p>Materials used for orthoses or pressure garments to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; - a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. <p>See Annexures A & B for non-standard products.</p> <p>Modifier 0009 does not apply to art therapy.</p>	U
0010	<p>Materials used in treatment to be charged (exclusive of VAT) at net acquisition price plus -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26% of the net acquisition price where the net acquisition price of that material is less than one hundred rands; - a maximum of twenty six rands where the net acquisition price of that material is greater than or equal to one hundred rands. 	U
0011	<p>Travelling costs according to AA rates.</p> <p>Please note that although only some medical schemes accept responsibility for the payment of transport expenses, others do so in exceptional cases only.</p>	C
0021	Services rendered to hospital inpatients: Quote modifier 0021 on all accounts for services performed on hospital inpatients.	C
ITEMS		

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1	PROCEDURES OF INTERVIEWING, GUIDANCE AND CONSULTANCY						
	Time based items in this section exclude time spent on procedures charged in addition to the consultation						A
Code	Description	St	Add	36600		36700	
				RVU	Value	RVU	Value
107	Appointment not kept (schemes will not necessarily grant benefits in respect of this item, it will fall into the "By arrangement with the scheme" or "Patient own account" category).	C		-	-	-	-
108	Interview, guidance or consultation: 30 minute duration.	A		21.250	56.10 (49.20)	21.250	56.10 (49.20)
109	Interview, guidance or consultation. Each additional 15 mins. A maximum of four instances of this code may be charged per session.	A	+	10.625	28.10 (24.60)	10.625	28.10 (24.60)
110	Reports. To be used to motivate for therapy and/or give a progress report and/or a pre-authorisation report, where such a report is specifically required by the medical scheme.	A		22.140	58.50 (51.30)	22.140	58.50 (51.30)
2	PROCEDURES OF INITIAL EVALUATION TO DETERMINE THE TREATMENT.						
201	Observation and screening.	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)	10.000	26.40 (23.20)
203	Specific evaluation for a single aspect of dysfunction (Specify which aspect).	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)	10.000	26.40 (23.20)
205	Specific evaluation of dysfunction involving one part of the body for a specific functional problem (Specify part and aspects evaluated)	C		30.000	79.30 (69.60)	30.000	79.30 (69.60)
207	Specific evaluation for dysfunction involving the whole body (Specify condition and which aspects evaluated).	C		60.000	158.50 (139.00)	60.000	158.50 (139.00)
209	Specific in depth evaluation of certain functions affecting the total person (Specify the aspects assessed).	C		100.000	264.20 (231.80)	100.000	264.20 (231.80)
211	Comprehensive in depth evaluation of the total person (Specify aspects assessed)	C		140.000	369.90 (324.50)	140.000	369.90 (324.50)
Measurement for designing.							
213	A static orthosis.	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
215	A dynamic orthosis.	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
217	A pressure garment for one limb.	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
219	A pressure garment for one hand.	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
221	A pressure garment for the trunk.	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
223	A pressure garment for the face (chin strap only).	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
225	A pressure garment for the face (full face mask).	C		10.000	26.40 (23.20)		
	The whole body or part thereof will be the sum total of the parts	C					
227	Specific built-in musical aids	A				10.000	26.40 (23.20)
3	PROCEDURES OF THERAPY.						
301	Group treatment in a task-centered activity, per patient (Treatment time 60 minutes or more).	C		8.840	37.60 (33.00)	8.840	37.60 (33.00)
303	Placement of a patient in an appropriate treatment situation requiring structuring the environment, adapting equipment and positioning the patient. This does not require individual attention for the whole treatment session, per patient)	C		10.000	42.50 (37.30)	10.000	26.40 (23.20)
305	Groups directed to achieve common aims, per patient) (Treatment time 60 minutes or more).	C		16.500	70.10 (61.50)	16.500	70.10 (61.50)

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307	Simultaneous treatment with two to four patients, each with specific problems, utilising individual activities, per patient (Treatment time 60 minutes or more)	C		20.000	85.00 (74.60)	20.000	52.80 (46.30)
308	Simultaneous treatment with two to four neuro-behavioural and stress related conditions or severe head injury patients, each with specific problems, utilising individual activities, per patient (Treatment time 90 minutes or more)	C		30.000	127.50 (111.80)	30.000	79.30 (69.60)
	Individual and undivided attention during treatment sessions utilising specific activity and/or techniques in an integrated treatment session	C					
309	On level one (15 minutes).	C		10.000	42.50 (37.30)	10.000	42.50 (37.30)
311	On level two (30 minutes).	C		20.000	85.00 (74.60)	20.000	85.00 (74.60)
313	On level three (45 minutes).	C		30.000	127.50 (111.80)	30.000	127.50 (111.80)
315	On level four (60 minutes).	C		40.000	170.00 (149.10)	40.000	170.00 (149.10)
317	On level five (90 minutes).	C		50.000	212.50 (186.40)	50.000	212.50 (186.40)
319	On level six (120 minutes).	C		60.000	255.00 (223.70)	60.000	255.00 (223.70)
4	PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO PROMOTE TREATMENT.						
401	Recommendations as regards to assistive devices, environmental adaptations, alternative/compensatory methods, handling the patient	C		10.000	42.50 (37.30)		
	Designing and constructing a custom-made adaptation, assistive device, splint or simple pressure garment for treatment in a task-centered activity (specify the adaptation, assistive device, splint or simple pressure garment)	C					
403	On level one.	C		10.000	42.50 (37.30)	10.000	42.50 (37.30)
405	On level two.	C		20.000	85.00 (74.60)	20.000	85.00 (74.60)
407	On level three.	C		30.000	127.50 (111.80)	30.000	127.50 (111.80)
409	On level four.	C		40.000	170.00 (149.10)	40.000	170.00 (149.10)
411	On level five.	C		50.000	212.50 (186.40)	50.000	212.50 (186.40)
413	On level six.	C		60.000	255.00 (223.70)	60.000	255.00 (223.70)
415	Designing and constructing a static orthosis.	C		40.000	170.00 (149.10)		
417	Designing and constructing a dynamic orthosis.	C		80.000	340.00 (298.20)		
	Designing and constructing pressure garment for:	C					
419	Limb.	C		40.000	170.00 (149.10)		
421	Face (chin strap only).	C		30.000	127.50 (111.80)		
423	Face (full face mask).	C		40.000	170.00 (149.10)		
425	Trunk.	C		60.000	255.00 (223.70)		
427	Hand.	C		60.000	255.00 (223.70)		
	The whole body or part thereof will be the sum total of the parts for the first garment and 75% of the fee for any additional garments made on the same pattern	C					

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429	Designing and planning an environmental adaptation.	C		40.000	105.70 (92.70)		
431	Planning and preparing in depth home programme on a monthly basis.	C		120.000	317.00 (278.10)	120.000	317.00 (278.10)
433	Designing and planning an environmental control unit.	C		240.000	634.10 (556.20)	240.000	634.10 (556.20)
434	Hiring equipment: 1% of the current replacement value of the equipment per day. Total charge not to exceed 50% of replacement value. Description of equipment to be supplied.	A					
	Payment of this item is at the discretion of medical scheme concerned, and should be considered in instances where cost savings can be achieved. By prior arrangement with the medical scheme.	A					

List of splints and pressure garments exempted from NAPPI codes

Annexure A

	Numbers and names of splints to be used with modifier 0009	C					
701	Static finger extension/flexion splint	C		-	-		
702	Dynamic finger extension/flexion	C		-	-		
703	Buddy strap	C		-	-		
704	DIP/PIP flexion strap	C		-	-		
705	MP, PIP, DIP flexion strap	C		-	-		
706	Hand based static finger extension/flexion	C		-	-		
707	Hand based static thumb extension/flexion/opposition/abduction	C		-	-		
708	Hand based dynamic finger flexion/extension	C		-	-		
709	Hand based dynamic thumb flexion/extension/opposition/abduction	C		-	-		
710	Static wrist extension/flexion	C		-	-		
711	Dynamic wrist extension/flexion	C		-	-		
712	Flexion glove	C		-	-		
713	Forearm based dynamic finger flexion/extension	C		-	-		
714	Forearm based dorsal protection	C		-	-		
715	Forearm based volar resting	C		-	-		
716	Static elbow extension/flexion	C		-	-		
717	Dynamic elbow flexion/extension splint	C		-	-		
718	Shoulder abduction splint	C		-	-		
719	Static rigid neck splint	C		-	-		
720	Static soft neck splint/brace	C		-	-		
721	Static knee extension	C		-	-		
722	Static foot dorsiflexion	C		-	-		

Annexure B

	Numbers and names of pressure garments to be used with modifier 0009	C					
801	Glove to wrist	C		-	-		
802	Glove to elbow	C		-	-		
803	Gauntlet (Glove with palm and thumb only)	C		-	-		
804	Sleeve: Upper/forearm	C		-	-		
805	Sleeve: full	C		-	-		
806	Vest + sleeves	C		-	-		
807	Sleeveless vest	C		-	-		
808	Upper leg	C		-	-		
809	Lower leg	C		-	-		
810	Full leg	C		-	-		

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811	Pants (trunk and full legs)	C		-	-		
812	Briefs	C		-	-		
813	Anklet	C		-	-		
814	Knee length stocking	C		-	-		
815	Chin strap	C		-	-		
816	Full face mask	C		-	-		
817	Neck only	C		-	-		
818	Finger sock	C		-	-		
Annexure C							
	List of materials used in treatment under modifier 0010	C					
901	Therapeutic putty	C		-	-		
902	Wood, leather, sisal	C		-	-		
903	Sponge	C		-	-		
904	Elastonet	C		-	-		
905	Silicon gel sheeting	C		-	-		
Annexure D							
	Assistive devices made by the therapist her/himself to be used with modifier 0008	C					
1001	Hip abduction cushion	C		-	-		
1002	Sponge on a stick	C		-	-		
1003	Hand grips (for utensils)	C		-	-		
1004	Bath bench	C		-	-		
1005	Bath seat	C		-	-		
1006	Transfer board	C		-	-		
1007	Plate surround	C		-	-		
1008	Wheelchair strap	C		-	-		