



Senior & Long Term Care Division Community Services Bureau Big Sky Waiver Policy Manual

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Section: SERVICES
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PURPOSE The scope and nature of Physical Therapy services furnished under Big Sky Waiver differ from those provided under State Plan as to the intent of the therapies provided. State Plan Physical Therapy services are delivered with a focus on restorative therapy services. Physical Therapy under Big Sky Waiver is limited to maintenance therapy services below.

DEFINITIONS **Restorative therapy services:**
Therapy services performed with a reasonable expectation that the recipient's function will improve significantly in a reasonable and predictable period of time; refer to the Montana Medicaid Provider manual.

Maintenance therapy services:
Therapy services that are repetitive and required to maintain functions that are performed without a reasonable expectation of significant progress.

PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS A Physical Therapist must be licensed in accordance with state regulations and enrolled as a Medicaid BSW provider through Conduent. A member's legally responsible person, relative and/or legal guardian may provide Physical Therapy services if they are licensed in accordance with state regulations and are enrolled as a Medicaid waiver provider through Conduent. Conduent verifies the provider is free of exclusions and criminal activity as part of the enrollment process.

GENERAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS Any activities provided under this service must be tied to goals and objectives documented in the member's service plan.

SERVICE LIMITS Restorative Physical Therapy services provided through Big Sky Waiver may not be reimbursed and are subject to repayment.