

How to reply to questions regarding COLLABRATIVE direct group services provided by OT's/PT's (this would also apply to any other therapist combinations as well, not just for OT/PT):

Question 1:

"If a child's IEP has collaborative (**direct services**, not consultation) goals/objective for OT/PT and both the OT & PT provide group service to students AT THE SAME TIME...they may work on OT goals for a portion of the group session and then switch and work on the PT goals. **Can both the OT & the PT bill for the group service?**"

RESPONSE FROM PCG (claiming vendor): **Both OT & PT can bill, but the following must occur in order for it to be considered billable:**

Example: The group session is 1 hour long from 10am to 11am.

- OT direct service goals are being addressed from 10:00 to 10:14 and then again from 10:30 to 10:44. The PT is assisting the OT during this time.
- PT direct service goals are being addressed from 10:15 to 10:29 and then again from 10:45 to 11:00. The OT is assisting the PT during this time.

Both OT & PT can bill group services and can just combine the overall duration for the group session, but **DO NOT OVERLAP** the group times for the OT & PT services. IE: OT can bill a group therapy for 10:00 and PT would bill for group therapy for 10:30 and each would record duration of 30 minutes. **THE KEY IS NOT TO OVERLAP THE OT & PT group session times.**

Question 2:

"Or, can only one bill?"

RESPONSE FROM PCG (claiming vendor):

Example: The group session is 1 hour long from 10am to 11am. OT direct service goals are being addressed the ENTIRE hour, with the *assistance* of the PT.

The OT can bill the entire group session, the PT would log NOTHING because PT goals were not part of the group session.

Question 3:

"Or, can neither bill because they were not doing the group session without the assistance of the other therapist?"

RESPONSE FROM PCG (claiming vendor):

The only way neither could bill would be if there was no clear distinction between which goals (OT or PT) were being worked on and by whom.

NOTE: For all 3 questions, therapists cannot bill if the group size is larger than 8.

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