

# Frequently Asked Questions

## WATA Reimbursement Committee

### **Do you have to be licensed in order to achieve reimbursement?**

Yes!! In fact you must have all your qualifications surrounding your license in place.

### **Are there some LATs in Wisconsin having success with reimbursement now?**

Yes. During the past several months, enough groundwork has been established for the development of LAT billing design models. Currently there are a number of LATs experimenting with reimbursement on a small scale and having success. The Reimbursement Committee will have continuing education on design models later in the 2003 period. Currently there are no exact models available.

### **What are the athletic training CPT code numbers for evaluation and re-evaluation?**

They are 97005 and 97006 respectively.

### **What CPT codes are LATs in Wisconsin allowed to use?**

LATs in Wisconsin are allowed to bill under the physical medicine codes. (97000) Series

### **Can LATs in Wisconsin treat Medicare patients?**

Yes, however LATs in Wisconsin cannot be reimbursed for working with Medicare patients. The NATA is monitoring political climates on an ongoing basis to plan appropriate action. The NATA will address this in the near future.

### **Can LATs evaluate and bill for that evaluation and then have a Licensed Physical Therapist do the follow-up treatments?**

More research needs to be accomplished on this before a direct answer can be given. The concern is the following: does the physical therapist have to do another evaluation, based upon their scope of practice law, in order to work with that patient. The same may hold true for the opposite situation.

### **What is being done about reimbursement in the other settings beside clinical/hospital?**

The WATA Reimbursement Committee plans to work on the possibilities of each setting in the near future. The committee has representation from nearly all settings in Wisconsin.

### **What is the athletic training revenue code?**

Since Oct. 1, 2000 the revenue code number for athletic trainers is 951.

### **How do we continue to contact insurance companies to see if they will reimburse for athletic training services?**

The WATA Reimbursement Committee has a template that should be used. This is a carefully designed compilation of information that will help insurance companies. Please contact a Reimbursement Committee member for templates.