

Sensory Integration (SPD) System

Note: Most payers are reluctant to provide coverage/benefits for Sensory Integration treatments. However, the coding and billing information is provided below should you choose to submit claims for the SPD System.

The TheraTogs Sensory Integration (SI) System is designed for clients with autism spectrum disorders – including Sensory Processing Disorder (SPD) – who present with difficulty in focusing attention, sitting still, and coordinating movement. The Sensory Integration (SI) System provides compressive tactile and proprioceptive input that has been shown to help some children with SI dysfunction or SPD issues to improve their attention spans and body control.

Indications/Conditions

- ü Difficulty in focusing attention or sitting still.
- ü Difficulty in coordinating movement.

Applicable Billing Options for the Sensory Integration System

The following coding options may be applicable when seeking insurance reimbursement for TheraTogs Sensory Integration System from various third party payers.

Note: Coding options vary for all payers. For instance, “T” codes are intended for use by Medicaid agents *only*. However, some Medicaid agents do not use “T” codes, instead they require use of an “L” code. For that reason, we recommend each payer (Medicaid, Medicare and commercial payers) be contacted for their coding requirements for TheraTogs *prior* to submitting a claim.

Code	Descriptor
A9270	Noncovered item or service
L1499	Spinal orthosis, not otherwise specified
T1999	Miscellaneous therapeutic items and supplies, retail purchases, not otherwise classified; identify product in remarks <i>(Note: Medicaid only code)</i>
T2028	Specialized supply, not otherwise specified, waiver <i>(Note: Medicaid only code)</i>
T2029	Specialized medical equipment, not otherwise specified, waiver <i>(Note: Medicaid only code)</i>

Note: Clinicians may bill for the training & fitting of the orthosis using the CPT codes below *if* the code used to describe the TheraTogs system does **not** include the phrase “includes fitting and adjustment”.

97760	Orthotic(s) management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported), upper extremity(s), lower extremity(s) and/or trunk, each 15 minutes
97762	Checkout for orthotic/prosthetic use, established patient, each 15 minutes

SPD Supporting Documentation for Payers

Many payers will require written documentation pertaining to the use of TheraTogs. It will be important to explain why TheraTogs is preferred over other orthotic devices. Photos and/or videos showing a comparison between the client with and without TheraTogs may also strengthen your submission.

The following information may be useful when preparing a letter of medical necessity for the insurance company.



The SI System provides the following:

- ü The foam-lined, breathable TankTop applies gentle compression to the torso and hips to enhance body awareness and provide a “grounding” experience for the client.
- ü The Hipster provides more body awareness of the hips and serves as an anchor for securing the TankTop and for attaching compression straps.
- ü Elasticized, 4-pronged straps improve posture and increase joint compression through the spine and hip joints. This type of compression is more specific, more dynamic, and more adjustable than a weighted vest.

An abdominal strap adds more torso support and body awareness.

SUPPLEMENTAL SAMPLE APPEAL LETTER – MEDICAL NECESSITY

Re: Client:
Birth Date:

Diagnosis:
Relevant medical/surgical history:

Parent/Guardian (if applicable):
Group #
Insured SS#:

I am seeking (preauthorization / predetermination of coverage), on behalf of (insert client name), for the provision of a TheraTogs (insert TheraTogs System recommended), and hope that the following information will be useful when making your decision.

TheraTogs undergarment and strapping systems are designed to provide the wearer with day-long carry-over and functional practice of successes in postural and joint alignment achieved during a therapy session. New studies on neuromotor re-education emphasize the need for practice – literally thousands of repetitions - to acquire new skills. To gain optimum posture and function, therefore, thousands of repetitions of movements must occur in optimum alignment. TheraTogs accomplish this objective with specialized, elastic fabrics that foster active rather than passive correction. Please refer to Table 1 on page 3 of this document for a review of (client's name's) current impairments, functional deficits, risk factors, rehabilitation goals, and rationale for this request.

My client currently uses (insert applicable DME equipment or supplies), that contribute(s) to (my client's) welfare by (explain benefits to support their previous funding), but which has failed to meet (his/her/the family's/my) rehabilitation goals. On the basis of the results observed in the clinical trial that we undertook using a TheraTogs clinical sizing kit, I am requesting TheraTogs (insert name of TheraTogs System recommended) ___ as an appropriate treatment modality in the next step of (his/her) rehabilitation program.

List modalities or strategies previously tried and note any lack of success.

TheraTogs were designed to address problems of posture and movement that are multifactorial and complex. The attending clinician identifies key issues and supervises the use of corrective strapping. No other commercially available products satisfy the objectives of effecting immediate, problem-specific improvement in all-day posture and joint alignment with essential adaptability to support treatment goals.

Supporting Clinical Data:

(NOTE: Use comparative GMFM –66, footprint studies, gait velocity, hand use, or ADL testing to identify gains observed during the TheraTogs trial, and report them here.) (Client's name) is expected to experience the following physiologic benefits: (Insert additional benefits such as musculoskeletal, GI, respiratory, nutrition, etc).

I anticipate that my client will require the use of TheraTogs for (insert expected frequency and duration of use). TheraTogs systems provide for some growth adjustments.

Strong statement should be made regarding gains observed (comparative data is your strongest argument) and expected with TheraTogs. This portion of the letter must address medical and/or safety justification for the client, not ease for caregivers.

The following is a list of code(s) and typical cost of the TheraTogs product I am recommending.

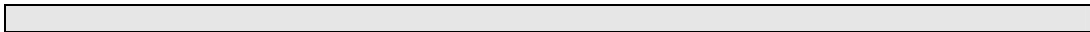
TheraTogs Charges

Code	Description	Est. Cost
LXXXX	<i>Specific HCPCS device code descriptor here</i> Note: Example only – see Coding Chapter for specific coding options	

I am sure you will agree that (Insert client name) is an ideal candidate for use of the TheraTogs (insert name of TheraTogs System recommended). If you have further questions regarding this request for preauthorization, please contact me at (insert).

Sincerely,

Cynthia Clinician, PT
(Your Contact Info here)



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