

## The AtaxiTog System

### Indications/Conditions

- ü The target population for the AtaxiTog exhibits staggering gait and balancing difficulties in the upright position due to cerebellar dysfunction.

### Applicable Billing Options for AtaxiTog System

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

Note: The beneficial effects of the AtaxiTog system for the client are often immediate and very visible, even to non-clinicians. We strongly suggest videotaping these clients during a single clinical session, showing them upright or walking *without* TheraTogs and then performing the same activity while wearing an appropriate AtaxiTog application. You'll typically generate persuasive evidence of TheraTogs' effectiveness for your clients.

**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
L2999	Lower extremity orthoses, NOS
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>
<b>Note:</b> Clinicians may bill for the training & fitting of the orthosis using the CPT code below <b>if</b> the code used to describe the TheraTogs system does <b>not</b> include the phrase " <i>includes fitting and adjustment</i> ".	
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

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

**The AtaxiTog System** features a new design of the TheraTogs TankTop with long 'anchor flaps' that connect directly to the Hipster thigh cuffs.



### **Unique Features of the new anchor flap design**

- Enhances proprioceptive input by providing deep joint compression through the torso and hip joints. This increase in body awareness reduces the time take to respond to weight shifts, which improves the client's balance reactions.
- Adds postural and hip stability without strapping.
- Simplifies the TheraTogs donning and doffing process for clients who only need to address issues of stability in standing and gait that are caused by ataxia.



## 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.

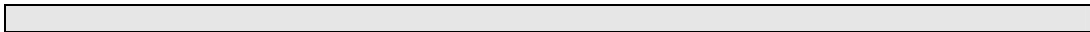
## TheraTogs Charges

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

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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