



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 1055

**DATE:** September 16, 2011

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Hospitals (excluding Critical Access Hospitals),  
Physicians, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists,  
Rehabilitation Agency Providers and Home Health Agencies

**ISSUED BY:** Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Team Therapy

This is to clarify Medicaid policy regarding payment for physical therapy, occupational therapy and/or speech therapy services provided during the same time to the same patient by different therapists. Medicaid follows the Medicare policy, which states: “Therapists, or therapy assistants, working together as a “team” to treat one or more patients **cannot** each bill separately for the same or different service provided at the same time to the same patient.”

When different therapists provide services to one patient at the same time, only one therapist can bill for the entire service, or the services can be divided into units. Please see the Medicare Billing Scenarios at:

[https://www.cms.gov/TherapyServices/Downloads/11\\_Part\\_B\\_Billing\\_Scenarios\\_for\\_PT\\_s\\_and\\_OTs.pdf](https://www.cms.gov/TherapyServices/Downloads/11_Part_B_Billing_Scenarios_for_PT_s_and_OTs.pdf).

Different therapists may bill for therapy services provided on the same date at different times, but will need to include the “59” modifier on the claim.

If you have any questions, please contact the IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-256-4609 or by email at [imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us).