

***Billing and Coding******Speaker: Cynthia Ripp***

Welcome to learning unit 3! In this unit we will learn about the importance of accurate coding and billing in practice. Coding is essential not only for proper reimbursement, but also because it is used as a tracking tool to inform how occupational therapy is practiced. It is important to understand the billing process so that we can accurately account for the time that we spend with clients. Errors with Occupational Therapy billing can be costly. It is important that documentation supports the billing codes and amounts that are chosen for each treatment session. It can be difficult to keep track of all of the types of insurance companies and how they affect each of our patients. In this unit, you will research insurers on a national, state and local level and provide information about how they cover patient treatments and DME. AOTA.org, your text and direct research on the insurance website are great tools to use.