

# Speech and Language Services

## Speech and Language Service Guidelines

- Medicaid logs need to be detailed enough that an auditor could “recreate” the service. Documentation must indicate not only WHAT services are being rendered to meet the student’s IEP/IFSP goals, but HOW the student responded to the services. S.O.A.P. notes are best practice.
- Consult only services are not billable. The need for services needs to be listed as a direct service in the IEP/IFSP to log services for Medicaid.
- Evaluations are formalized testing and reports conducted to determine the need for services and recommendation for a course of treatment. They may be completed by a licensed SLP.
- Speech and language services require an annual referral from a physician. Ingham ISD obtains these referrals for students with direct speech services in their IEP.

## Example of Detailed Service Log

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has emphasized the importance of thoroughly documenting all services provided. For direct services such as therapy and counseling, documentation must include a progress entry for each direct service describing the service rendered and the student’s response to that service.

### **Service Log Example**

- Therapy Provided: Jane played “Go Fish” with picture cards to focus on the /k/ sound.
- Student’s Response to Therapy: Jane was able to say /k/ sound in carrier phrases with 70% accuracy with moderate prompting. We will continue to focus on the /k/ sound.

## Provider Qualifications

Speech and language services may be reimbursed when provided by:

- A fully licensed speech-language pathologist
- A limited licensed speech language pathologist, under the direction of a fully licensed SLP. All documentation must be reviewed and signed by the appropriately licensed supervising SLP.

## Contact Us

If you have any questions on Medicaid logging or would like training on the EdPlan system, please let us know.

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