
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES

Medicaid Guidelines

- ✓ **Only direct services are billable to Medicaid**
The need for services needs to be listed as a direct service in the IEP/IFSP to log services for Medicaid. Consult or Monitor services are not billable.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Evaluations are formalized testing and reports for the development of the student's treatment plan and may be completed by a Licensed Occupational Therapist.**
- ✓ **Occupational therapy services require an annual prescription from a physician.**
Ingham ISD obtains these prescriptions for students with direct OT services in their IEP.

Medicaid Eligible OT Services Include

Occupational Therapy (Habilitative or Rehabilitative)

- ☐ Group therapy provided in a group of two to eight students;
- ☐ Manual therapy techniques (e.g., mobilization/manipulation, manual lymphatic drainage, manual traction), one or more regions;
- ☐ Neuromuscular re-education of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and/or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities;
- ☐ Independent living skills training;

Assistive Technology Devices (ATD)

(ATD services must be listed in a student's IEP with a doctor's prescription, to use ATD codes. If ATD is not in the student's IEP, use a non-billable code to track your service.)

- ☐ Wheelchair assessment, fitting, management and propulsion training.;
- ☐ Training or technical assistance for the student;
- ☐ Selecting, providing for the acquisition of the device, designing, fitting, customizing, adapting, applying, retaining, or replacing the ATD, including orthotics.

Evaluations

- ☐ Evaluating the needs of the student, including a review of medical and therapy records, a functional evaluation of the student and an analysis of the occupational profile.

IEP/IFSP Participation

- ☐ Sharing the results of an evaluation and providing recommendations to the student's treatment plan.

Service Documentation

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has emphasized the importance of thoroughly documenting all services provided.

Service Logging

For direct services, documentation of each session must include a detailed progress note describing the service rendered and the students response.

Service Log Example: *"Jane was positioned while wearing bilateral DAFOs in a supine stander at 80 degrees for upright weight bearing and hamstring stretching. Jane tolerated 30 minutes without complaints of discomfort."*

Monthly Summaries

Monthly Progress Summaries are **REQUIRED** for each month that services are reported for Medicaid eligible students. A monthly progress summary summarizes all services provided to the student throughout a month and any potential changes to their treatment plan.

Monthly Progress Summary Example: *"Jane was able to tolerate positioning in weight bearing and non-weight bearing positions without discomfort. The use of myofascial techniques prior to positioning improves tolerance. Improving with mobility on even and uneven surfaces. Able to climb stairs with handrail using a step to pattern without handheld assist. Continue with current treatment plan"*

Provider Qualifications

Occupational therapy services may be reimbursed when provided by:

- A licensed occupational therapist
- A certified occupational therapist assistant (COTA) under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist

Have questions or need support?

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