
SPEECH AND LANGUAGE 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 SLP.**
- ✓ **Speech and Language therapy services require an annual prescription from a physician.**
Ingham ISD obtains these prescriptions for students with direct S&L services in their IEP.

Medicaid Eligible S&L Services Include

Speech and Language Therapy (Habilitative or Rehabilitative)

- ☐ Group therapy provided in a group of two to eight students;
- ☐ Articulation, language, and rhythm
- ☐ Swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding
- ☐ Voice therapy
- ☐ Speech, language or hearing therapy
- ☐ Speech reading/aural rehabilitation
- ☐ Esophageal speech training therapy
- ☐ Speech defect corrective therapy

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.)

- ☐ Fitting and testing of hearing aids or other communication devices
- ☐ Training or technical assistance for the student

Evaluations

- ☐ Evaluating of speech sound production, speech fluency, language comprehension and expression, behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance, , an examination of the student using standardized tests and measures and an clinical presentation.

IEP/IFSP Participation

- ☐ Sharing the results of an evaluation and providing recommendations for 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: "John played "Go Fish" with picture cards. John was able to say /k/ sound in carrier phrases with 65% accuracy with moderate prompting. We will continue to focus on the /k/ sound."

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: "John is making consistent progress toward meeting criteria for IEP goals/objectives. John is currently able to produce /k/ in carrier phrases with an average of 70% accuracy at an independent level. Continue /k/ at phrase level."

Provider Qualifications

Speech and language therapy services may be reimbursed when provided by:

- A licensed speech and language pathologist
- A limited licensed speech pathologist under the supervision of a licensed speech pathologist therapist

Have questions or need support?

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