



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this informational memo is to inform all speech therapy providers and all early intervention speech therapy providers of information regarding 12 sessions of speech therapy before a prior authorization request is required.

Information:

Effective December 1, 2023, 12 sessions of speech therapy are available for children and adults before a prior authorization is required. The newly allowed sessions will be based on one (1) date of service, which equates to one speech therapy session.

While billing of timed and untimed codes equates to a specific number of units, the decrement of the one session will be solely based on the date of service. Many providers had questions during the stakeholder engagement meeting regarding

whether Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes 92507 and 92526 equate to either one (1) or two (2) sessions. CPT code 92507 is an encounter-based code with a Medically Unlikely Edit (MUE) of one unit per day and should only be billed at a maximum of one unit of service per day. CPT code 92526 has a MUE value of one unit.

Providers are still expected to follow all National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) and MUE policies when billing for speech therapy services. Example: A provider bills one (1) unit of 92507 and one unit of 92526 for a total of two (2) units on one date of service. This equates to one date of service and will only decrement one session from the member's allowed 12 sessions before a Prior Authorization Request (PAR) is required.

Visit the Outpatient Speech Therapy Benefit web page under the Webinars drop-down for the recording of the speech therapy question-and-answer webinar hosted on November 3, 2023. Contact the Provider Services Call Center with questions regarding claims and the Provider Web Portal.

Five-Unit Daily Limit

The five (5)-unit daily limit has been removed for outpatient speech therapy services, also effective December 1, 2023. Providers are encouraged to follow NCCI and MUE guidelines.

Definition(s):

Session(s)- Session refers to speech therapy services provided on one date of service, regardless of the number of units billed on the single date of service.

Attachment(s):

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