

DEVELOPMENTAL THERAPY / SPECIAL INSTRUCTION

PROCEDURE CODE

Developmental Therapy 97530

DEFINITION

A service, which provides direct instruction to the parent or family member and their child to promote the child's acquisition of skills in a variety of developmental areas.

- This service is provided to the child and the child's parent/family and shall include activities which provide support and enhancement to the family including:
 - ❑ Curriculum planning;
 - ❑ Planned interaction of personnel, materials, time, and space;
 - ❑ Providing families with information, skills, and support related to establishing the skill level and enhancing the skill development of the child.
- This service will focus on developmentally appropriate individualized skills training and support to foster, promote and enhance child engagement in daily activities, functional independence and social interaction.
- Assistance will be provided to parents/families in the identification and utilization of opportunities to incorporate intervention strategies in daily life activities that are natural and normal for the child and families.
- Child progress and mastery of functional skills to reduce or overcome limitations resulting from developmental delays will be continuously monitored by the Developmental Therapist.

Service provision must be based on an identified need as documented on the Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and must be the direct result of the level of delay (s) determined by the inter-disciplinary assessment.

QUALIFIED PROVIDER

- ❑ An individual certified by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services as a Developmental Therapist
- ❑ An individual certified by the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services as a Developmental Therapy Assistant under the supervision of a Developmental Therapist

UNIT OF SERVICE

A unit of service is defined as:

Fifteen (15) minutes of direct instruction to the child and family/caregiver/teacher.

This service may not be provided on the same day as Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services (DDTCS) Core Service (preschool/REAR) or the Child Health Management Services (CHMS) core services.

RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

Rate based on state lead agency determination as administrator of Federal regulation 34 C.F.R. §, Sec. 303.520

97530 Developmental Therapy / Specialized Instruction - (guideline of 4 units per week). **Prior approval by DDS is required to exceed the guideline.**

Exceeds Standards Documentation includes:

- 1) Prescription from Physician
- 2) IFSP
- 3) Narrative Justification
- 4) Evaluations

Other documentation may be required.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE PROVIDED

The provider of the service must maintain on site, narrative documentation of:

- The service provided (amount, date, and times) and initials of family/guardian and or caregiver.
- Activities conducted
- Outcomes worked on (objectives)
- Progress made
- Recommendations (if appropriate)

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