SPEECH – LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES

PROCEDURE CODES

Individual **92507** Group **92508** Eval. **92506** Asst Ind. **92507-52** Asst Grp **92508-52**

DEFINITION

Identification of children with communication or oro-pharyngeal (mouth or throat) disorders and delays in development of communication skills. This includes :

- Diagnosis and appraisal of specific disorders and delays in those skills,
- Referral for medical or other professional services needed for habilitation, or rehabilitation
- Provision of services for habilitation or rehabilitation or prevention of communicative or oropharyngeal disorders and delays in development of communication skills.

These services must be indicated on the child's IFSP and recommended by the team as a result of an evaluation by an individual licensed by the Arkansas Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

QUALIFIED PROVIDER

- An individual licensed by the Arkansas Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
- An individual certified as a speech pathology assistant working under the supervision of an individual licensed by the Arkansas Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

UNIT OF SERVICE

- Individual – A unit of service is 15 minutes
- Group – A unit of service is 15 minutes with a maximum of 4 persons per group.
- Evaluation – A unit of service is 30 minutes. *Annual assessment may be completed as part of the service session.*

Therapy exceeding standards will be sent to the Prior Authorization Committee for approval. Justification required.

RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT

Rates based on Medicaid therapy rates as of January 1, 2008

- Speech Therapy
  - Z1926 4 units per day and 12 units per week
  - Z1927 Group: 4 units per day and 12 units per week
  - 92506 Evaluation (guideline: 4 units per year)
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant
  - Z2265 Individual - (guideline: 4 units per day and 12 per week)
  - Z2266 Group - (guideline: 4 units per day and 12 per week)

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REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION OF SERVICE PROVIDED

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

- The service provided (amount, date, and times)
- Activities conducted
- Outcomes worked on (objectives)
- Progress made
- Recommendations (if appropriate)

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