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Nevada Medicaid Provider Notice: Speech-Language Pathology Coding and Billing Updates Effective January 1, 2027

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Nevada Medicaid is providing advance notice of upcoming Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) coding and billing updates that will take effect on **January 1, 2027**. These changes are intended to align with updated coding standards while maintaining existing coverage and authorization requirements. Reimbursement for the new codes will be based on the current methodology for the applicable Provider type found within the existing Nevada State Plan.

Beginning January 1, 2027, ten (10) new replacement time-based CPT codes (92654-92663) will be added to the Nevada Medicaid claims processing system.

Prior Authorizations

To facilitate a smooth transition to the new coding structure, Nevada Medicaid Fee-for-Service will temporarily waive prior authorization requirements for the new time-based codes through **March 31, 2027**. This temporary flexibility is intended to support provider implementation and minimize administrative burden during the transition period.

All dates of services on or after April 1, 2027, will require a PA for the new codes.

Limitations

Effective January 1, 2027, any combination of allowable **time-based SLP codes** may be billed and reimbursed for up to **one hour of speech therapy per day**, consistent with Nevada Medicaid State Plan requirements.

Billing

Providers billing speech therapy services must follow all applicable CMS billing and coding requirements, National Correct Coding Initiatives (NCCI), and Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE's). Medical records should clearly document service start and stop times for each service being billed to ensure time requirements are met per CMS. Providers are responsible for ensuring services are billed appropriately and that treatment time is clinically appropriate for the recipient's needs. Updated Billing Guidelines will be published on the Nevada Medicaid website once finalized.

Providers are encouraged to review all updated materials and future Web Announcements to ensure compliance with the new requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this Web Announcement, please contact medicalprograms@nvha.nv.gov