

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED POLICY

Public Act 280 of 1939, as amended, and consultation guidelines for Medicaid policy provide an opportunity to review proposed changes in Medicaid policies and procedures.

Please review the policy summary and the attached materials that describe the specific changes being proposed. Let us know why you support the change or oppose the change.

Submit your comments to the analyst by the due date specified. Your comments must be received by the due date to be considered for the final policy bulletin.

Thank you for participating in the consultation process.



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Policy Subject: Updates to Speech-Language Pathologist Enrollment

Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

Distribution: Practitioners, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, Home Health Care Services Providers, Outpatient Rehabilitation Agencies, Rural Health Clinics, Medicaid Health Plans, Tribal Health Centers

Policy Summary: This bulletin updates Medicaid enrollment requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP). Medicaid will no longer require licensed SLPs to be authorized by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) to use Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology (CCC-SLP) credentials.

Purpose: CCC-SLP and Michigan licensure are identical in education, post-graduate clinical experience, examination, and continuing education requirements creating redundancy in enrollment requirements and extra professional fees for SLPs.

Proposed Policy Draft

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The purpose of this bulletin is to inform providers of updates to Medicaid enrollment requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists (SLP). Effective for dates of services on or after November 1, 2024, Medicaid will reimburse speech therapy services when provided by any of the following:

- An SLP with a current license. Out-of-state therapists must be licensed and/or certified by the appropriate standard-setting authority in the state in which they are practicing. (Refer to the Out of State/Beyond Borderland Providers subsection of the General Information for Providers chapter of the [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services \[MDHHS\] Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for more information.)
- An appropriately supervised SLP Educational Limited Temporary licensee completing their postgraduate clinical experience or having completed all requirements but has not obtained full license. All documentation must be reviewed and co-signed by the appropriately fully licensed supervising SLP.
- A speech-language pathology student completing their educational program clinical experience under the direct supervision of (i.e., in the presence of) a licensed SLP. All documentation must be reviewed and co-signed by the appropriately fully licensed supervising SLP.

Students, graduates, and educational limited temporary licensed providers are not eligible to enroll or be directly reimbursed by Medicaid. Services performed by these individuals are required to be reported under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the supervising SLP.

Medicaid Health Plans (MHP), Integrated Care Organizations (ICO), Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), or certain employers may require SLPs to meet provider qualifications beyond the minimum standards established by Medicaid. SLPs who wish to provide services to Medicaid beneficiaries are encouraged to contact their employer and/or the applicable MHP, PIHP, or ICO directly for any additional provider credentialing and contract requirements.

All other therapist enrollment and payment rules remain unchanged. (Refer to the Therapy Services chapter in the [MDHHS Medicaid Provider Manual](#) for additional policy and coverage information.)