

BSW 734 Services: Speech Therapy and Audiology

PURPOSE

Speech Therapy and Audiology services provided through Big Sky Waiver are intended to help members maintain functionality and independence. The scope and nature of Speech and Audiology Therapy services ~~provided~~furnished under Big Sky Waiver differ from those provided under the State Plan ~~as to the intent of the therapies provided.~~ State Plan Speech and Audiology Therapy services are delivered with a focus on restorative therapy, as described below ~~services.~~ Speech and Audiology Therapy under Big Sky Waiver is limited to maintenance therapy services, as described below.

DEFINITIONS

Speech Therapy:

Speech Therapy services includes nonmedical diagnosis, assessment, and treatment services relating to speech-language pathology.

Audiology services:

Audiology services are hearing aid evaluations and basic audio assessments.

Restorative therapy services:

Therapy services performed with a reasonable expectation that the recipient's function will improve significantly in a reasonable and predictable period of time; refer to the Montana Medicaid Provider manual.

Maintenance therapy services:

Therapy services that are repetitive and required to maintain functions that are performed without a reasonable expectation of significant progress.

Restorative therapy services:

Restorative therapy services are performed with an expectation that the recipient's function will improve significantly in a reasonable and predictable period of time. Expectations for a member's restoration are based on an assessment by the referring physician or midlevel practitioner and the

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licensed therapist. Medicaid State Plan covers all restorative occupational therapy needs. Refer to the Montana Medicaid Provider manual for more information.

Maintenance or habilitation therapy services:

Maintenance or habilitation therapy includes services that are repetitive and required to maintain functions and that are performed without reasonable expectation of significant progress. Members receiving maintenance therapy are not expected to be restored to their baseline of functionality, however the therapy helps them maintain functionality and independence.

GENERAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

~~Any activities provided under this service must be tied to goals and objectives documented in the member's service plan.~~

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PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

A Speech and Audiology Therapist must be licensed in accordance with state regulations ~~found in MCA 37-15-303~~ and enrolled as a Medicaid ~~BSW~~ provider ~~through Conduent~~.

~~Individuals who are legally responsible for members~~A member's legally responsible person, relative and/or legal guardian may provide ~~Speech and Audiology T~~therapy if they are licensed in accordance with state regulations and are enrolled as a Medicaid ~~waiver~~ provider ~~through Conduent~~. ~~Conduent verifies the provider is free of exclusions and criminal activity as part of the enrollment process.~~

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GENERAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

~~Any activities provided under this service must be tied to goals and objectives documented in the member's service plan.~~

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SERVICE LIMITS

Restorative Speech and Audiology Therapy services under Big Sky Waiver may not be reimbursed and are subject to repayment.

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