



**SENIOR & LONG TERM CARE DIVISION
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUREAU**

**HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED WAIVER
Policy Manual**

Section: SERVICES

**Subject: Extended State Plan Services:
Speech Therapy and Audiology**

References: ARM: 37.40.1462

DEFINITION

Speech therapy and audiology services are provided when the limits of these services under State Plan are exhausted or for maintenance and habilitative services.

**MAINTENANCE
SPEECH
THERAPY AND
AUDIOLOGY
SERVICES**

Maintenance speech therapy is provided when State Plan therapy is denied and there is no expectation that the member’s condition will improve significantly in a reasonable and predictable period of time. Maintenance speech therapy is reimbursable only under the Home and Community Based Services program. Audiology services include screening and evaluation of members with respect to hearing functions.

Extended State Plan speech therapy and audiology services are those defined in ARM 37.86.601. In addition to maintenance, speech therapy provided under HBS may also be restorative in nature and be provided when State Plan therapy limits are in excess of what is allowable under State Plan Medicaid.

For purchase of Hearing Aid, see Specialized Medical Equipment. Refer to HCBS 733.

**EFFECT ON
PLAN OF
CARE COSTS**

Only those speech therapy and audiology services provided under HCBS are included on the HCBS service plan cost sheet. The provision of State Plan speech therapy and audiology services as defined in ARM 37.86.601 should be reflected on the “Other Services and Informal Support Systems” section on the HCBS service plan.

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**SERVICE
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Restorative speech therapy and audiology services under HCBS may not be reimbursed until State Plan limits are met.