Title:	**BSW 734**
Section:	**SERVICES**
Subject:	**Speech Therapy and Audiology**
References:	**BSW Application 02-2019; ARM 37.86.601; ARM 37.86.702; State Medicaid Manual; Montana Medicaid Provider Manual**

PURPOSE

The scope and nature of Speech and Audiology Therapy services furnished under Big Sky Waiver differ from those provided under 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 services. Speech and Audiology Therapy under Big Sky Waiver is limited to maintenance therapy services.

DEFINITIONS

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.

PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

A Speech and Audiology Therapist must be licensed in accordance with state regulations and enrolled as a Medicaid BSW provider through Conduent. A member's legally responsible person, relative and/or legal guardian may provide speech 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.

GENERAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

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

SERVICE LIMITS

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