

Medicaid in Education Alert

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TO: All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

FROM: NYS DOH OHIP SSHSP &
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SUBJECT: Update to Medicaid Alert #13-16: SSHSP Billing Codes for
Speech Evaluations

The purpose of this Medicaid Alert is to notify Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) providers that the SSHSP Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes (contained in Handout 5) have been updated and must be used for Medicaid billing of school supportive health services rendered on and after August 1, 2014.

As stated in [Medicaid Alert #13-16](#), changes to the SSHSP CPT code list were necessary in order to comply with speech evaluation CPT code changes made in January 2014 by the American Medical Association (AMA).

Effective for **dates of service** on and after **August 1, 2014**, the SSHSP CPT code for speech evaluation, *92506 - Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing*, is being replaced with four different CPT codes that specify the speech related function that is being evaluated (e.g., speech sound production, language, fluency, and voice and resonance separately). This change allows for pricing differentials based on the specific area being evaluated in addition to providing greater specificity for data analysis purposes.

Table 1 in this Medicaid Alert is a crosswalk between the deleted and the new speech evaluation CPT codes. In addition, the SSHSP CPT Code list ([Handout 5](#)) has been revised with the updated speech evaluation CPT codes highlighted. National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits specify that CPT codes 92522 and 92523 cannot be billed for the same person on the same day. As a reminder, the

documentation to support a claim for an evaluation is the evaluation report. The evaluation report must support the type(s) of evaluation conducted. It is important to note that multiples of the same evaluation type may not be billed even when the evaluation spans multiple sessions over several days.

Table 1: Crosswalk of Deleted and New Speech Evaluation CPT Codes for SSHSP

Rate Code	Deleted CPT	New CPT	Service Description	Old Rate	New Rate
2023	92506	92521	Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering)	\$122.94	\$89.16
2052	n/a	92522	Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria)	n/a	\$72.25
2053	n/a	92523	Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria); with evaluation of language comprehension and expression (e.g., receptive and expressive language)	n/a	\$150.31
2054	n/a	92524	Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance	n/a	\$75.70

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