

MEDICAID POLICY INFORMATION SHEET

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Initial

Public Comment

Final

Brief description of policy:

This bulletin updates Medicaid enrollment requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists (SLPs). 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.

Reason for policy (problem being addressed):

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.

Budget implication:

- budget neutral
- will cost MDHHS \$ _____, and (select one) budgeted in current appropriation
- will save MDHHS \$ _____

Is this policy change mandated per federal requirements?

No

Does policy have operational implications on other parts of MDHHS?

Yes - Provider Enrollment

Does policy have operational implications on other departments?

No

Summary of input:

- controversial (Explain)
- acceptable to most/all groups
- limited public interest/comment

Supporting Documentation:

State Plan Amendment Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Public Notice Required: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes, please provide status: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Pending <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	If yes, Submission Date:
Date: Approval Date:	

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Comments Due: August 14, 2024
Proposed Effective Date: November 1, 2024
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<p>Policy Subject: Updates to Speech-Language Pathologist Enrollment</p> <p>Affected Programs: Medicaid, Healthy Michigan Plan, Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)</p> <p>Distribution: Practitioners, Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, Home Health Care Services Providers, Outpatient Rehabilitation Agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers Rural Health Clinics, Medicaid Health Plans, Tribal Health Centers</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cost Implications: Budget neutral</p> <p>Potential Hearings & Appeal Issues: Aware of None</p>

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Tribal Notification: Yes No - **Date:**

THIS SECTION COMPLETED BY RECEIVER

<input type="checkbox"/> Approved	<input type="checkbox"/> No Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/> See Comments Below
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Proposed Policy Draft

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Behavioral & Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

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

Issued: October 1, 2024 (Proposed)

Subject: Updates to Speech-Language Pathologist Enrollment

Effective: November 1, 2024 (Proposed)

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

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.)