

INSURANCE TOOLS

INSURANCE CODES:

There are two types of insurance codes: CPT codes and ICD-10 codes

CPT Codes:

CPT codes describe the type of service being offered, e.g. one-on-one speech therapy. For out-of-network speech language therapy (not an evaluation), the CPT code is 92507 for one-on-one services.

For evaluations, contact your insurance company to see if they reimburse for the following CPT codes:

- 92522- Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria).
- 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)
- 92521- Evaluation of speech fluency (stuttering, cluttering).
- 92524- behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance.

ICD-10 Codes:

ICD-10 codes are the diagnostic codes, e.g. expressive language disorder or speech sound disorder, and must come from a written evaluation. ICD-10 codes can come from a licensed therapist or a medical provider, e.g. psychologist, neurologist, speech-language pathologist, etc. Ask your insurance company for their Texas state medical coverage policy for speech-language therapy (it will contain a description of their policy and list of ICD-10 codes that are and are not covered for speech-language therapy). Speech-language therapy is a medical necessity (page 10), when there is a significant speech-language delay and/or issue.

Many insurance companies reimburse for out-of-network speech-language therapy when there is a significant speech language delay for children under 36 months, once you meet your deductible.

**You can find more CPT coding information from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association at: <http://www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/New-CPT-Evaluation-Codes-for-SLPs/>

**The PDF, Making Sense of your Health Insurance Plan, can be used as a quick guide to understanding your health insurance. You can find it at: <http://www.asha.org/uploadedFiles/public/add-benefits/HealthInsBrochure.pdf>