New Definition of Individual Speech Therapy Encounter
Effective September 1, 2017

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is changing the definition of an individual speech therapy encounter. This definition is a change from the initial definition posted in the article titled, “Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Benefits to Change for All Ages for Texas Medicaid September 1, 2017,” which was published on this website on June 30, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017, the definition of an individual speech therapy encounter is as follows:

An encounter for speech therapy individual treatment is defined as face-to-face time with the patient and/or caregiver for a length of time compliant with nationally recognized professional speech-language pathology standards for a typical session.

The billing structure for individual speech therapy (ST) for the following treatment procedure codes will be payable per encounter. This billing structure change will impact all provider types.

Individual speech treatment is limited to one encounter per day per provider and only one of the following procedure codes will pay per day.

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