# Subchapter 6: Speech and Hearing Center Services

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601 Introduction

IC indicates that the claim will receive individual consideration to determine payment. See 130 CMR 413.407 for IC requirements.
Some service codes require prior authorization (PA). See 130 CMR 413.408 for prior authorization requirements.

**Audiological Services**

For Audiologist Services see the Audiologist Manual for MassHealth Providers and the related Subchapter 6.

**Speech and Language Services**

When providing therapy services in an out-of-office location, use the appropriate place of service when billing for speech therapy services. Note: Procedure-to-procedure edits will be applied to certain combinations of codes in accordance with the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) as implemented by MassHealth.

Modifier GN, an informational modifier indicating the services are delivered under an Outpatient Speech/Language Pathology Plan of Care, may be applied to any of the below procedure codes for further specificity.

Modifier 59, or modifiers XE, XS, XP, and XU, should be applied to the below procedure codes when needed to indicate greater reporting specificity.

59 Distinct procedural service. (Informational)
XE Separate encounter, a service that is distinct because it occurred during a separate encounter. (Informational)
XS Separate structure, a service that is distinct because it was performed on a separate organ/structure. (Informational)
XP Separate practitioner. A service that is distinct because it was performed by a different practitioner. (Informational)
XU Unusual non-overlapping service, the use of a service that is distinct because it does not overlap usual components of the main service, (Informational)

Modifier GT is an informational modifier (indicating the services are conducted via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems). Telehealth codes may only be used when clinically appropriate.

Modifier TW is an informational modifier indicating Alternative and Augmentative Communication (AAC) non-dedicated speech device and accessories. This modifier may be applied to the identified procedure codes.

602 Service Codes and Descriptions: Speech/Language Therapy Evaluations

| Service Code | Modifier | Service Description |
|---|---|---|
| 92521 | | Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering) |
| 92521 | GT | Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92521 | HA | Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering) (for patients aged 21 or younger) |
| 92521 | HA, GT | Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering) (for patients aged 21 or younger) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92521 | TF | Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering) (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) |
| 92521 | TF, GT | Evaluation of speech fluency (e.g., stuttering, cluttering) (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92522 | | Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria) |
| 92522 | GT | Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92522 | HA | Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria) (for patients aged 21 or younger) |
| 92522 | HA, GT | Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria) (for patients aged 21 or younger) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92522 | TF | Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria) (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) |
| 92522 | TF, GT | Evaluation of speech sound production (e.g., articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria) (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 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) |

602 Service Codes and Descriptions: Speech/Language Therapy Evaluations (cont.)

| Service Code | Modifier | Service Description |
|---|---|---|
| 92523 | GT | 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) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92523 | HA | 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) (for patients aged 21 or younger) |
| 92523 | HA, GT | 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) (for patients aged 21 or younger) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92523 | TF | 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) (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) |
| 92523 | TF, GT | 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) (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92524 | | Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance |
| 92524 | GT | Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92524 | HA | Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance (for patients aged 21 or younger) |
| 92524 | HA, GT | Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance (for patients aged 21 or younger) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92524 | TF | Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) |
| 92524 | TF, GT | Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance (for developmentally disabled adults aged 22 or older) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92605 | | Evaluation for prescription for non-speech generating AAC device, face-to-face with the patient; first hour |
| 92605 | GT | Evaluation for prescription for non-speech generating AAC device, face-to-face with the patient (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems); first hour |
| 92607 | | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; first hour (maximum one unit per evaluation) |

602 Service Codes and Descriptions: Speech/Language Therapy Evaluations (cont.)

| Service Code | Modifier | Service Description |
|---|---|---|
| 92607 | GT | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; first hour (maximum one unit per evaluation) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92607 | TW | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; first hour (maximum one unit per evaluation) (AAC non-dedicated speech device and accessories) |
| 92607 | TW, GT | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; first hour (maximum one unit per evaluation) (AAC non-dedicated speech device and accessories) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92608 | | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (maximum two unit per evaluation) (service code may only be billed after 92607) |
| 92608 | GT | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (maximum two unit per evaluation) (service code may only be billed after 92607) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92608 | TW | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (maximum two unit per evaluation) (service code may only be billed after 92607) (AAC non-dedicated speech device and accessories) |
| 92608 | TW, GT | Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; each additional 30 minutes (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure) (maximum two unit per evaluation) (service code may only be billed after 92607) (AAC non-dedicated speech device and accessories) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |

603 Service Codes and Descriptions: Speech/Language Services

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| 92609 | | Therapeutic services for the use of speech-generating device, including programming and modification (maximum one unit per visit) |
| 92609 | GT | Therapeutic services for the use of speech-generating device, including programming and modification (maximum one unit per visit) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |

603 Service Codes and Descriptions: Speech/Language Services (cont.)

| Service Code | Modifier | Service Description |
|---|---|---|
| 92609 | TW | Therapeutic services for the use of speech-generating device, including programming and modification (maximum one unit per visit) (AAC non-dedicated speech device and accessories) |
| 92609 | TW, GT | Therapeutic services for the use of speech-generating device, including programming and modification (maximum one unit per visit) (AAC non-dedicated speech device and accessories) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92507 | | Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); individual (maximum one unit per visit) (use to bill for treatment provided by a speech therapist) |
| 92507 | GT | Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); individual (maximum one unit per visit) (use to bill for treatment provided by a speech therapist) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92508 | | Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); group, two or more individuals (maximum one unit per visit (use to bill for group speech therapy session) |
| 92508 | GT | Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder (includes aural rehabilitation); group, two or more individuals (maximum one unit per visit (use to bill for group speech therapy session)(via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92526 | | Treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding (maximum one unit per visit) |
| 92526 | GT | Treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding (maximum one unit per visit) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |
| 92610 | | Evaluation of oral and pharyngeal swallowing function (per hour, maximum of one hour) |
| 92610 | GT | Evaluation of oral and pharyngeal swallowing function (per hour, maximum of one hour) (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |

604 Caregiver Training Codes

| Service Code | Modifier | Service Description |
|---|---|---|
| 97550 | | Caregiver training in strategies and techniques to facilitate the patient's functional performance in the home or community (e.g., activities of daily living [ADLs], instrumental ADLs [iADLs], transfers, mobility, communication, swallowing, feeding, problem solving, safety practices) (without the patient present), face to face; initial 30 minutes |
| 97550 | GT | Caregiver training in strategies and techniques to facilitate the patient's functional performance in the home or community (e.g., activities of daily living [ADLs], instrumental ADLs [iADLs], transfers, mobility, communication, swallowing, feeding, problem solving, safety practices) (without the patient present), face to face; initial 30 minutes (via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems) |

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