




## **Therapist Bulletin 19**

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**TO:** Therapy Providers Participating in MassHealth

**FROM:** Mike Levine, Undersecretary for MassHealth 

**RE: Payment for Services Provided by a Speech-Language Pathologist Provisional Licensee (SLP-PL)**

### **Introduction**

This bulletin aligns MassHealth therapist program rules with the Department of Public Health's (DPH) issuance of licenses to applicants who meet the requirements for provisional licensure as Speech-Language Pathologist Provisional Licensees (SLP PLs). Applicants for provisional licensure must meet the qualifications in [MGL Chapter 112 Section 144B](#) and [260 CMR 2.03: Board of Registration in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Application and Licensing Requirements](#) to obtain a valid SLP-PL license from DPH.

### **SLP PL MassHealth Enrollment**

To participate in MassHealth, SLP PLs must meet MassHealth provider enrollment requirements at [130 CMR 432.000: Therapist Services](#) and [130 CMR 450.000: Administrative and Billing Regulations](#). To enroll as a Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Program provider, follow the instructions at [mass.gov/how-to/apply-to-become-a-masshealth-provider](http://mass.gov/how-to/apply-to-become-a-masshealth-provider). SLP PLs must be in good standing with DPH to be enrolled in MassHealth.

The SLP provisional license issued by DPH is valid for the period authorized by DPH. See [260 CMR 2.03\(4\)\(c\): Educational, Supervised Professional Practice, and Examination Requirements](#). When the provisional license expires, the therapist's enrollment with MassHealth ends. The therapist must re-enroll in MassHealth as a Speech-Language Pathologist if they want to continue providing services to MassHealth members.

### **SLP Services Provided by SLP PLs**

Effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2025, MassHealth will enroll and pay for reimbursable therapy services provided by supervised SLP PLs.

Per [130 CMR 432.000](#), MassHealth reimburses speech therapy services for

- services provided by a licensed therapist;

- providers who are MassHealth-enrolled on the date of service; and
- services that are medically necessary and personally provided by the therapist.

SLP PLs cannot supervise SLP assistants or be the supervising SLP for services provided and billed for by SLP assistants. Per 130 CMR 432.412(E), MassHealth does not pay a therapy provider for any services provided by unlicensed persons, even if under the supervision of a licensed therapy provider.

SLP PLs providing services are subject to all other MassHealth regulations including 130 CMR 432.000 and 130 CMR 450.000. For information regarding the clinical competency of SLP PLs, see 260 CMR 2.03(4)(a) and (b): *Educational, Supervised Professional Practice, and Examination Requirements*.

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