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HEALTH SYSTEMS DIVISION: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

FILING CAPTION: Amends Rule For School Covered Health Services Using Telehealth Technologies In Response To Covid-19

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):
The Division needs to amend these rules to support appropriate response during an outbreak or epidemic of an infectious disease. The amended rule authorizes the Division to operationalize intended coverage of telehealth services for health-related services provided to children required by the Individuals with Disabilities education Act.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:
The Authority finds that failure to act promptly will result in serious prejudice to the public interest, the Authority, and recipients of Medicaid benefits. These rules need to be adopted promptly so that the Authority may operationalize intent of Telehealth coverage guidelines for school districts and education service districts to provide IDEA health related services to eligible children with disabilities birth to 21 for which Medicaid is first payer under 1903(c) of the SSA. These rules need to be adopted promptly in order to support appropriate response to an outbreak or epidemic of infectious disease and assure appropriate access to qualified health care providers.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:
Current HERC prioritized list and guidelines available at: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/DSI-HERC/Pages/Prioritized-List.aspx;
1903(c) of the Social Security Act: https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title19/1903.htm;
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: https://sites.ed.gov/idea/;
and Oregon’s school program must ensure that students who experience disabilities also have equal access to the same opportunities, including the provision of FAPE. (34 CFR §§ 104.4, 104.33 (Section 504) and 28 CFR § 35.130 (Title II of the ADA). SEAs, LEAs, schools, and ECSE programs must ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, each student who experiences a disability can be provided the special education and related services identified in the student’s IEP/IFSP developed under IDEA, or a plan developed under Section 504 (34 CFR §§ 300.101 and 300.201 (IDEA), and 34 CFR § 104.33 (Section 504).
RULES:
410-133-0040, 410-133-0080, 410-133-0220, 410-133-0245

AMEND: 410-133-0040

RULE TITLE: Definitions

RULE SUMMARY: The Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) has updated guidelines for coverage of telehealth services. These updates support appropriate response to an outbreak or epidemic of an infectious disease through increased access to appropriate health care resources. This temporary rule amendment authorizes the Authority and Division to operationalize the intent of the revisions to telehealth services.

RULE TEXT:
In addition to the definitions in OAR 410-120-0000, the following definitions apply to these rules:

(1) “Adapted vehicle” means a vehicle specifically designed or modified to transport passengers with disabilities.

(2) “Adequate recordkeeping” means in addition to General Rules OAR 410-120-0000, Definitions and 410-120-1360, Requirements for Financial, Clinical, and Other Records, documentation in the student’s educational record and on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) showing the necessary and appropriate health services provided to the student detailed in the School-Based Health Services (SBHS) administrative rules (410-133-0000 and 410-133-0320).

(3) “Agent” means a third party or organization that contracts with a provider, allied agency, or Prepaid Health Plan (PHP) to perform designated services in order to facilitate a transaction or conduct other business functions on its behalf. Agents include billing agents, claims clearinghouses, vendors, billing services, service bureaus, and accounts receivable management firms. Agents may also be clinics, group practices, and facilities that submit billings on behalf of providers but the payment is made to a provider, including the following: an employer of a provider, if a provider is required as a condition of employment to turn over his fees to the employer; the facility in which the service is provided, if a provider has a contract under which the facility submits the claim; or a foundation, plan, or similar organization operating an organized health care delivery system, if a provider has a contract under which the organization submits the claim. Agents may also include electronic data transmission submitters.

(4) “Assessment” means a process of obtaining information to determine if a student qualifies for or continues to qualify for the Division covered school-based health services.

(5) “Assistive technology service” means services provided by medically qualified staff within the scope of practice under state law with training and expertise in the use of assistive technology (see 410-133-0080 Coverage and 410-133-0200 Not Covered Services in these rules).

(6) “Audiologist” means a licensed audiologist within the scope of practice as defined by state or federal law who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120 Medically Qualified Staff.

(7) “Audiology” means assessment of children with hearing loss; determination of the range, nature, and degree of hearing loss, including the referral for medical or other professional attention for restoration or rehabilitation due to hearing disorders; provision of rehabilitative activities, such as language restoration or rehabilitation, auditory training, hearing evaluation and speech conversation, and determination of the child’s need for individual amplification; obtaining and interpreting information; and coordinating care and integrating services relative to the student receiving services.

(8) “Authority” means the Oregon Health Authority. (Please see General Rules 410-120-0000 Acronyms and Definitions.)

(9) “Billing agent or billing service” means a third party or organization that contracts with a provider to perform designated services in order to facilitate an Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transaction on behalf of the provider. Also see definition for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Submitter.

(10) “Billing Provider (BP)” means a person, agent, business, corporation, clinic, group, institution, or other entity that submits claims to and receives payment from the Division on behalf of a performing provider and has been delegated...
the authority to obligate or act on behalf of the performing provider. (See the Department-wide Support Services (DWSS) administrative rules in, chapter 407, division 120 Provider Rules, and the Division's General Rules OAR 410-120-1260 and SBHS OAR 410-133-0140.)

(11) “Billing time limit” means the period of time allowed to bill services to the Division See General Rules OAR 410-120-1300, Timely Submission of Claims. In general, those rules require initial submission within 12 months of the date of service or 18 months for resubmission.

(12) “Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)” means the federal regulatory agency for Medicaid programs.

(13) “Certification.” See “licensure.”

(14) “Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)” means a federal and state funded portion of the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) established by Title XXI of the Social Security Act and administered in Oregon by the Authority and the Division.

(15) “Clinical Social Work Associate (CSWA)” means a person working toward Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) licensure in compliance with Division 20, Procedure for Certification of Clinical Social Work Associates and Licensing of Licensed Clinical Social Workers, OAR Chapter 877 division 020.

(16) “Coordinated care” means services directly related to covered school-based health services (SBHS) specified in the individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP), performed by medically qualified staff, and allowed under OAR 410-133-0080 Coverage to manage integration of those health services in an education setting. Coordinated care includes the following activities:

(a) Conference. The portion of a conference in a scheduled meeting between medically qualified staff and interested parties to develop, review, or revise components of school-based health services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student to establish, re-establish, or terminate a Medicaid covered health service on a Medicaid-eligible student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP); or to develop, review, or revise components of a health service currently provided to a Medicaid-eligible student to determine whether or not those covered health services continue to meet the student’s needs as specified on the student’s IEP or IFSP;

(b) Consultation. Performed by medically qualified staff within the scope of practice providing technical assistance to or conferring with special education providers, physicians, and families to assist them in providing a covered health service for Medicaid-eligible students related to a specific health service and health service goals and objectives in the individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP);

(c) Physician coordinated care. Meeting or communication with a physician in reference to oversight of care and treatment provided for a health service specified on a Medicaid-eligible student’s individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP).

(17) “Cost Determination” means the process of establishing an annual discipline fee (cost rate), based on the prior-year actual audited costs, used by an EA for the purpose of billing for covered school-based health services (see 410-133-0245 Cost Determination and Payment in these rules).

(18) “Covered entity” means a health plan, health care clearing house, health care provider, or allied agency that transmits any health information in electronic form in connection with a transaction, including direct data entry (DDE), and that must comply with the National Provider Identifier (NPI) requirements of 45 C.F.R 162.402 through 162.414. When a school provides covered SBHS services in the normal course of business and bills Medicaid for reimbursed covered transactions electronically in connection with that health care such as electronic claims, it is then a covered entity and must comply with the HIPAA Administrative Simplification Rules for Transactions and Code sets and Identifiers with respect to its transactions.

(19) Data transmission means the transfer or exchange of data between the Department and a web portal or electronic data interchange (EDI) submitter by means of an information system that is compatible for that purpose and includes without limitation web portal, EDI, electronic remittance advice (ERA), or electronic media claims (EMC) transmissions.

(20) “Delegated Health Care Aide” means a non-licensed person trained and supervised by a licensed registered nurse (RN) or nurse practitioner (NP) to perform selected tasks of nursing care specific to the Medicaid-eligible student identified in the nursing plan of care pursuant to the Individualized Education Program/Individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP).
(21) “Delegation of nursing task” means a selected nursing task that is performed by an unlicensed person, trained and monitored by a licensed RN. Delegation and supervision of selected nursing tasks must comply with Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs), Oregon State Board of Nursing, chapter 851, divisions 45 and 47. A school medical (SM) provider must maintain documentation of the actual delegation, training, supervision, and provision of the nursing service billed to Medicaid.

(22) “Department” means the Department of Human Services established in OAR chapter 407, including any divisions, programs, and offices as may be established therein.

(23) “Diagnosis code” means as identified in the International Classification of Diseases 10th Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), the primary Diagnosis Code is shown in all billing claims, unless specifically excluded in individual Division provider rules. Where they exist, diagnosis codes shall be shown to the degree of specificity outlined in OAR 410-120-1280 Billing.

(24) “Direct services” means face-to-face delivery of health services by or under the direction of medically qualified staff who is the service provider to a Medicaid-eligible student.

(25) “Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE)”: EI is a program designed to address the unique needs of a child age 0-3 years, and ECSE is a program for preschool children with a disability ages 3-5 years or eligible for Kindergarten.

(26) “Educational Agency (EA)” means for purposes of these rules, any public school, school district, Education Service District (ESD), state institution, or youth care center providing educational services to students, birth to age 21 through grade 12, that receives federal or state funds either directly or by contract or subcontract with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

(27) “Education records” means those records, files, documents and other materials that contain information directly related to a student and maintained by an Education Agency (EA) or by a person acting for such EA as set forth in OAR 581-021-0220. (A school-based health services (SBHS) provider is required to keep and maintain supporting documentation for Medicaid reimbursed school-based health services for a period of seven years; this documentation is part of the student’s education record but may be filed and kept separately by school health professionals.) See 410-133-0320 Documentation and Recordkeeping Requirements in these rules.

(28) “Education Service District (ESD)” means an education agency established to offer a resource pool of cost-effective, education-related, physical or mental health-related, state-mandated services to multiple local school districts within a geographic area described in ORS 334.010.

(29) “Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)” means the exchange of business documents from application to application in a federally mandated format or, if no federal standard has been promulgated, using bulk transmission processes and other formats as the Department designates for EDI transactions. For purposes of these rules (OAR 407-120-0100 through 407-120-0200), EDI does not include electronic transmission by web portal.

(30) “EDI submitter” means an individual or an entity authorized to establish an electronic media connection with the Department to conduct an EDI transaction. An EDI submitter may be a trading partner or an agent of a trading partner. Also see definition for billing agent in these rules.

(31) “Electronic Verification System (EVS)” means eligibility information that have met the legal and technical specifications of the Division in order to offer eligibility information to enrolled providers.

(32) “Eligibility for special education services” means a determination by a designated education agency (EA) through a team that a child meets the eligibility criteria for early intervention (EI), early childhood special education (ECSE), or special education as defined in ORS 343 and OAR chapter 581, division 15.

(33) “Evaluation”—means procedures performed by medically qualified staff to determine whether a Medicaid-eligible student is disabled and the nature and extent of the health services the student needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and in accordance with Oregon Department of Education OAR chapter 581 division 15. The Authority can only reimburse evaluations that establish, re-establish, or terminate a school-based health services (SBHS) covered health service on a Medicaid-eligible student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
(34) “Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)” means the percentage of federal matching dollars for qualified state medical assistance program expenditures.


(36) “Health assessment plan (nursing)” means a systematic collection of data for the purpose of assessing a Medicaid-eligible student’s health or illness status and actual or potential health care needs in the educational setting. It includes taking a nursing history and an appraisal of the student’s health status through interview information from the family and information from the student’s past health or medical record. A SBHS provider is required to keep and maintain the health assessment plan and supporting documentation for Medicaid reimbursed health services described in a Medicaid-eligible student’s individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP) for a period of seven years as part of the student’s education record, which may be filed and kept separately by school health professionals. (See 410-133-0320 Documentation and Recordkeeping Requirements.)

(37) “Health care practitioner” means a person licensed pursuant to state law to engage in the provision of health care services within the scope of the health care practitioner’s license and certification standards established by their health licensing agency. Medical provider and health care practitioner are interchangeable terms. See Definition for medical provider in these rules.

(38) “Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC)” means a 13-member commission that is charged with reporting to the Governor the ranking of health benefits from most to least important and representing the comparable benefits of each service to the entire population to be served.

(39) “Health services” means medical evaluation services provided by a physician for diagnostic and evaluation purposes for a Medicaid-eligible student that is found eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and leads to an established Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family service Plan (IFSP), physical or mental health evaluations, and assessment or treatment performed by medically qualified staff to achieve the goals set forth in a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP. A covered health service is one that is covered by the medical assistance program and is provided to enable the Medicaid-eligible student to benefit from a special education program (age 3-21) or to achieve developmental milestones in an early intervention program (age 0-3). “Health services” are synonymous with “medical services” in these rules. To determine whether a health service specified on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) is a covered School-Based Health Service (SBHS), see 410-133-0080 Coverage and 410-133-0200 Not Covered Services.

(40) “Health Systems Division, Medical Assistance Programs (Division)” means a division within the Oregon Health Authority (Authority). The Division is responsible for coordinating the medical assistance programs within the State of Oregon including the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Medicaid demonstration, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP - Title XXI), and several other programs.

(41) “ID number” means a number issued by the Authority used to identify Medicaid-eligible students. This number may also be referred to as recipient identification number, prime number, client medical ID Number, or medical assistance program ID number.

(42) “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)” means the federal law ensuring the rights of children with disabilities to a “free and appropriate education” (FAPE).

(43) “Individualized Education Plan (IEP)” means a written statement of an educational program for a child with a disability that is developed, reviewed, or revised in a meeting in accordance with Oregon Department of Education OAR chapter 581, division 15. When an IEP is used as a prescription for Medicaid reimbursement for covered School-Based Health Services (SBHS), it must include: type of health service, amount, and duration and frequency for the service provided. In order to bill Medicaid for covered health services, they must be delivered by or under the supervision of medically-qualified staff and must be recommended by a physician or appropriate health care practitioner acting within the scope of practice. See the definition of medically qualified staff in this rule.
“ Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)” means a written plan of early childhood special education (ECSE) services, early intervention (EI) services, and other services developed in accordance with criteria established by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) for each child (ages birth to 5 years) eligible for IFSP services. The plan is developed to meet the needs of a child with disabilities in accordance with requirements and definitions in OAR chapter 581, division 15. When an IFSP is used as a prescription for Medicaid reimbursement for SBHS covered services, it must include: type of health service, amount, and duration and frequency for the service provided. In order to bill Medicaid for covered health services, they must be delivered by or under the supervision of medically-qualified staff and must be recommended by a physician or health care practitioner within their scope of practice. See the definition of medically qualified staff in this rule.

“Individualized Education Plan/Individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP) Team” means a group of teachers, specialists, and parents responsible for determining eligibility, and developing, reviewing, and revising an IEP or IFSP in compliance with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) OAR chapter 581, division 15.

“Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)” means a person licensed to practice clinical social work pursuant to state law.

“Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant (LPTA)” means a person licensed to assist in the administration of physical therapy, solely under the supervision and direction of a physical therapist.

“Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)” means a person licensed to practice under the direction of a licensed professional within the scope of practice as defined by state law.

“Licensure” means documentation from state agencies demonstrating that licensed or certified individuals are qualified to perform specific duties and a scope of services within a legal standard recognized by the licensing agency. In the context of health services, licensure refers to the standards applicable to health service providers by health licensing authorities. For health services provided in the State of Oregon, licensure refers to the standards established by the appropriate State of Oregon licensing agency.

“Medicaid-eligible student” means the child or student who has been determined to be eligible for Medicaid health services by the Authority. For purposes of this rule, Medicaid-eligible student is synonymous with “recipient” or “Oregon Health Plan (OHP) client”. For convenience, the term “student” used in these rules applies to both students covered by an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and children covered by an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Also for purposes of this rule, students or children whose eligibility is based on the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) shall be referred to as Medicaid-eligible students.

“Medical Assistance Program” means a program for payment of health services provided to eligible Oregonians. Oregon’s medical assistance program includes Medicaid services including the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Medicaid Demonstration, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Medical Assistance Program is administered by the Health Systems Division, Medical Assistance Programs (Division) of the Oregon Health Authority.

“Medical Management Information System (MMIS)” means a data collection system for processing an integrated group of procedures and computer processing operations (subsystems) developed at the general design level to meet principal objectives. For Title XIX purposes, "systems mechanization" and "mechanized claims processing and information retrieval systems" is identified in section 1903(a)(3) of the Act and defined in regulation at 42 CFR 433.111. The objectives of this system and its enhancements include the Title XIX program control and administrative costs; service to recipients, providers and inquiries; operations of claims control and computer capabilities; and management reporting for planning and control.

“Medical provider” means an individual licensed by the state to provide health services within their governing body’s definitions and respective scope of practice. Medical provider and health care practitioner are interchangeable terms.

“Medical services” means the care and treatment provided by a licensed health care practitioner to prevent, diagnose, treat, correct, or address a medical problem, whether physical, mental, or emotional. For the purposes of these rules, this term shall be synonymous with health services or health-related services listed on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), as defined in OAR chapter 581, division 15. Not all
health-related services listed on an IEP or IFSP are covered as SBHS. See 410-133-0080 Coverage and 410-133-0200 Not Covered Services.

(55) “Medical transportation” means specialized transportation in a vehicle adapted to meet the needs of passengers with disabilities transported to and from a SBHS covered service.

(56) “Medically qualified staff” means:
(a) Staff employed by or through contract with an EA; and
(b) Licensed by the state to provide health services in compliance with state law defining and governing the scope of practice, described further in OAR 410-133-0120.

(57) “Medication management” means a task performed only by medically qualified staff within the scope of practice, pursuant to a student’s Individualized Education Program/Individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP), which involves administering medications, observing for side effects, and monitoring signs and symptoms for medication administration.

(58) “National Provider Identifier (NPI)” means a federally directed provider number mandated for use on Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) covered transactions. Individuals, provider organizations, and subparts of provider organizations that meet the definition of health care provider (45 CFR 160.103) and who conduct HIPAA covered transactions electronically are eligible to apply for an NPI. Medicare covered entities are required to apply for an NPI.

(59) “Necessary and appropriate” health services means those health services described in a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP that are:
(a) Consistent with the symptoms of a health condition or treatment of a health condition;
(b) Appropriate with regard to standards of good health practice and generally recognized by the relevant scientific community and professional standards of care as effective;
(c) Not solely for the convenience of the Medicaid-eligible student or provider of the service; and
(d) The most cost-effective of the alternative levels of health services that can safely be provided to a Medicaid-eligible student.

(60) “Nursing Diagnosis and Management Plan” means a written plan that describes a Medicaid-eligible student’s actual and anticipated health conditions that are amenable to resolution by nursing intervention.

(61) “Nursing Plan of Care” means written guidelines that are made a part of and attached to the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) that identify specific health conditions of the Medicaid-eligible student and the nursing regimen that is “necessary and appropriate” for the student. Development and maintenance of this plan includes establishing student and nursing goals and identifying nursing interventions (including location, frequency, duration, and delegation of care) to meet the medical care objective identified in their IEP or IFSP. See Oregon State Board of Nursing Practice Act, Division 47. The SBHS provider is responsible for developing the nursing plan of care and is required to keep and maintain a copy of the nursing plan of care as supporting documentation for Medicaid reimbursed health services. (See definition “Education records.”)

(62) “Nurse practitioner” means a person licensed as a registered nurse and certified by the Board of Nursing to practice as a nurse practitioner pursuant to state law.

(63) “Nursing services” means services provided by a nurse practitioner (NP), registered professional nurse (RN), a licensed practical nurse (LPN), or delegated health care aide within the scope of practice as defined by state law. Nursing services include preparation and maintenance of the health assessment plan; nursing diagnosis and management plan; nursing plan of care, consultation, and coordination; and integration of health service activities, as well as direct patient care and supervision.

(64) “Observation” means surveillance or visual monitoring performed by medically-qualified staff as part of an evaluation, assessment, direct service, or care coordination for a necessary and appropriate Medicaid-covered health service specified on a Medicaid-eligible student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) to better understand the child’s medical needs and progress in their natural environment. An observation by itself is not billable.
(65) “Occupational therapist (OT)” means a person licensed by the state’s Occupational Therapy Licensing Board.
(66) “Occupational Therapist Assistant” means a person who is licensed as an occupational therapy assistant assisting in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.
(67) “Occupational therapy” means assessing, improving, developing, or restoring functions impaired or lost through illness, injury, or deprivation to improve the ability to perform tasks for independent functioning when functions are lost or impaired, preventing through early intervention initial or further impairment or loss of function. It also means obtaining and interpreting information, coordinating care, and integrating necessary and appropriate occupational therapy services relative to the Medicaid-eligible student.
(68) “Oregon Department of Education (ODE)” means the state agency that provides oversight to public educational agencies for ensuring compliance with federal and state laws relating to the provision of services required by the individuals with disabilities education act (IDEA).
(69) “Orientation and mobility training” means services provided to blind or visually impaired students by qualified personnel to enable those students to attain systematic orientation to and safe movement within their environment in school, home, and community. These services are not covered under School-Based Health Services (SBHS). (See OAR 410-133-0200 Not Covered Services.)
(70) “Performing provider” means a person, agent, business, corporation, clinic, group, institution, or other entity that is the provider of a service or item with the authority to delegate fiduciary responsibilities to a billing provider, also termed billing agent, to obligate or act on the behalf of the performing provider regarding claim submissions, receivables, and payments relative to the Medical Assistance Program. For the purposes of these SBHS rules, the school medical (SM) provider is the performing provider.
(71) “Physical Therapist” means a person licensed by the relevant state licensing authority to practice physical therapy. (See OAR chapter 848, division10 Licensed Physical Therapists and Licensed Physical Therapist Assistants; chapter 848 division 40 Minimum Standards for Physical Therapy Practice and Records.)
(72) “Physical Therapy” means assessing, preventing, or alleviating movement dysfunction and related functional problems, obtaining and interpreting information, and coordinating care and integrating necessary and appropriate physical therapy services relative to the student receiving treatments.
(73) “Prime Number” See definition of ID Number.
(74) “Prioritized List of Health Services” means the Oregon Health Evidence Review Commission’s (HERC) prioritized list of health services with “expanded definitions’ of ancillary services and preventative services and the HERC practice guidelines, as presented to the Oregon Legislative Assembly for the purpose of administering the Oregon Health Plan (OHP).
(75) “Procedure code.” See definition of HCPC healthcare common procedure code.
(76) “Provider” means an individual, facility, institution, corporate entity, or other organization that supplies health care services or items, also termed a performing provider, or bills, obligates, and receives reimbursement on behalf of a performing provider of services, also termed a billing provider (BP). The term “Provider” refers to both performing providers and billing providers unless otherwise specified. Payment can only be made to Division-enrolled providers who have by signature on the provider enrollment forms and attachments agreed to provide services and to bill in accordance with General Rules OAR 410-120-1260 and the SBHS OAR 410-133-0140. If a provider submits claims electronically, the provider must become a trading partner with the Authority and comply with the requirements of the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) rules pursuant to OAR Chapter 407 division 120.
(77) “Provider enrollment agreement” means an agreement between the provider and the Authority that sets forth the conditions for being enrolled as a provider with the Authority and to receive a provider number in order to submit claims for reimbursement for covered SBHS provided to Medicaid-eligible students. Payment can only be made to Division-enrolled providers who have by signature on the provider enrollment forms and program applicable attachments agreed to provide services and to bill in accordance with Provider Rules chapter 407, division 120 and the Division’s General Rules chapter 410, division 120, and these SBHS rules. Also see definitions for Trading Partner and Trading Partner Agreement in these rules.
(78) “Psychiatrist” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Oregon and possesses a valid license from the Oregon Medical Board.

(79) “Psychologist” means a person with a doctoral degree in psychology and licensed by the State Board of Psychologist Examiners. See 858-010-0010.

(80) “Psychologist Associate” means a person who does not possess a doctoral degree that is licensed by the Board of Psychologists Examiners to perform certain functions within the practice of psychology under the supervision of a psychologist. See 858-010-0037 through 858-010-0038. An exception would be psychologist associate with the authority to function without immediate supervision. See OAR 858-010-0039.

(81) “Record keeping requirements” means An SBHS SM provider is required to keep and maintain the supporting documentation in compliance with the respective medical provider’s scope of practice and governing licensure or certification board requirements for Medicaid reimbursed health services described in a Medicaid-eligible student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for a period of seven years as part of the student’s education record, which may be filed and kept separately by school health professionals. (See OAR 410-133-0320.)

(82) “Re-evaluation” means procedures used to measure a Medicaid-eligible student’s health status compared to an initial or previous evaluation are focused on evaluation of progress toward current goals, modifying goals or treatment, or making a professional judgment to determine whether or not the student will continue to receive continued care for a covered service pursuant to an IEP or IFSP under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Continuous assessment of the student’s progress as a component of ongoing therapy services is not billable as a re-evaluation.

(83) “Regional program” means regional program services provided on a multi-county basis under contract from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to eligible children (birth to 21) visually impaired, hearing impaired, deaf-blind, autistic, and severely orthopedically impaired. A regional program may be reimbursed for covered health services it provides to Medicaid-eligible students through the school medical (SM) provider (e.g., public school district or ESD) that administers the program.

(84) “Registered Nurse (RN)” means a person licensed and certified by the Oregon Board of Nursing to practice as a registered nurse pursuant to state law.

(85) “Rehabilitative services” means for purposes of the School-Based Health Services (SBHS) program any health service that is covered by the Medicaid Assistance Program and that is a medical, psychological, or remedial health service recommended by a physician or other licensed health care practitioner within the scope of practice under state law and provided to a Medicaid-eligible student pursuant to an Individualized Education Program/Individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that help the Medicaid eligible student keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning, including reduction, correction, stabilization, or functioning improvement of physical or mental disability of a Medicaid-eligible student. (See 410-133-0060.)

(86) “Related services” means for purposes of this rule related services as listed on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and may include: transportation and such developmental, corrective, and other supportive services (e.g., speech language, audiology services, psychological services, physical therapy, occupational therapy, social work services in schools, and nursing services) as are required to assist a child or student with a disability to benefit from special education, and includes early identification and assessment of disabling conditions in children.

NOTE: Not all “related services” are covered for payment by Medicaid. To determine whether a particular related service is a covered health service for a Medicaid-eligible student, see OAR 410-133-0080, Coverage and OAR 410-133-0200, Not Covered Services.

(87) “School-Based Health Services (SBHS)” means special education, related services, or early intervention services addressing health-related needs that help the Medicaid eligible student keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning and any services authorized under Oregon's approved Medicaid state plans that are also considered special education,
related services, or early intervention that adversely affects the child/student’s educational performance. SBHS services reimbursed by Medicaid are recommended by a physician or other licensed health care practitioner within the scope of practice under state law and provided to a Medicaid-eligible student pursuant to an Individualized Education Program/Individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP) under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) meeting the requirements of these rules and applicable federal and state laws and rules.

(88) “School medical (SM) provider” means an enrolled provider type established by the Division to designate the provider of school-based health services eligible to receive reimbursement from the Division. See the Authority’s general rules chapter 943 division 120, the Division’s General Rules OAR 410-120-1260, and School-Based Health Services Program OAR 410-133-0140 (School Medical (SM) Provider Enrollment Provisions).

(89) “Screening” means a limited examination to determine a Medicaid-eligible student’s need for a diagnostic medical evaluation.

(90) “Special Education Services” means specially designed instruction to meet the unique needs of a child with a disability, including regular classroom instruction, instruction in physical education, home instruction, and instruction in hospitals, institutions, special schools, and other settings.

(91) “Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA)” means a person who is licensed by the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and provides speech-language pathology services under the direction and supervision of a speech-language pathologist licensed under ORS 681.250.

(92) “Speech-Language Pathologist” means a licensed speech pathologist within the scope of practice as defined by state or federal law licensed by the Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology or holds a license issued by the Teacher Standards and Practice Commission (TSPC) prior to July 1, 2016, exemption in ORS 681.230(4) pursuant to SB287, and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) from the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) or has completed the equivalent educational requirements and work experience necessary for the certificate or has completed the academic program and is acquiring supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate. (See Medically Qualified Staff 410-133-0120.)

(93) “Speech-language pathology services” means assessment of children with speech-language disorders, diagnosis, and appraisal of specific speech-language disorders and referral for medical and other professional attention necessary for the rehabilitation of speech-language disorders and the provision of speech-language services for the prevention of communicative disorders. It includes obtaining and interpreting information, coordinating care, and integrating necessary and appropriate speech-language pathology services relative to the student receiving services.

(94) “State Education Agency (SEA).” See “Oregon Department of Education (ODE).”

(95) “State-operated school” means the Oregon School for the Deaf. See “Educational Agency.”

(96) “Student health/medical/nursing records” means education records that document for purposes of the Health Systems Division, Medicaid Assistance Program the Medicaid-eligible student’s diagnosis or the results of tests, screens, or treatments, treatment plan, the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), and the record of treatments or health services provided to the child or student in compliance with the respective licensed practitioner’s scope of practice and licensure or certification.

(97) “Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC)” means the commission that governs licensing of teachers, personnel, service specialists, and administrators as set forth in OAR chapter 584. In order for schools or school providers to participate in the Medicaid program and receive Medicaid reimbursement, they must meet the Medicaid provider qualifications. It is not sufficient for a state to use Department of Education provider qualifications for reimbursement of Medicaid-covered health services provided in an education setting.

(98) Telehealth for School Based Health Services (SBHS) is a real time interactive and synchronous audio/video technology from site to site regarding a Medicaid-eligible child’s health-related service. Telehealth is the equivalent to face-to-face therapy/treatment between a licensed practitioner/clinician or under the supervision of a practitioner/clinician within the scope of practice. Telehealth may occur between two remote sites, an alternate site such as the child/student’s home, childcare facility, or other public education programs and settings, and the distant site setting of the practitioner/clinician. Telehealth may include coordinated care defined in Definitions 410-1333-0040(16)
using synchronous face-to-face or electronic/telephonic interactive communications such as telephone conversation, video conference, or an internet relay chat session to coordinate and integrate a Medicaid eligible child's health related services required by IDEA. All SBHS telehealth services shall be provided to the same extent the services would be covered if they were provided in person and billed to Medicaid using appropriate SBHS procedure codes and modifiers. A two-digit modifier assigned to telehealth is required for billing SBHS telehealth services.

(99) “Testing Technician” means a person/technician adequately trained to administer and score specific tests as delegated under the direction and supervision of a licensee and maintains standards for the testing environment and testing administration as set forth in the American Psychological Association Standards for Educational and Psychological Tests (1999) and Ethical Principles for Psychologists (2002). See ORS 675.010(4) and 858-010-0002.

(100) “Trading partner” means a provider, prepaid health plan (PHP), clinic, or allied agency that has entered into a trading partner agreement with the Department in order to satisfy all or part of its obligations under a contract by means of electronic data interchange (EDI), electronic remittance advice (ERA), electronic media claims (EMC), or any other mutually agreed means of electronic exchange or transfer of data. EDI transactions must comply with the requirements of the EDI rules OAR 407-120-0100 through 407-120-0200. For the purposes of these rules EDI does not include electronic transmission by web portal.

(101) “Trading partner agreement (TPA)” means a specific request by a provider, PHP, clinic, or allied agency to conduct EDI transactions that governs the terms and conditions for EDI transactions in the performance of obligations under a contract. A provider, PHP, clinic, or allied agency that has executed a TPA will be referred to as a trading partner in relation to those functions.

(102) “Transportation Aide” means an individual trained for health and safety issues to accompany a Medicaid-eligible student transported to and from a covered Health Service as specified in the Individualized Education Program/individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP). The School Medical (SM) Provider must maintain documentation of the training, supervision, and provision of the services billed to Medicaid. For the purposes of these rules, individual transportation aides are included in the cost calculation for transportation costs and will not be billed separately. This computation will not include delegated health care aides for whom costs are direct costs.

(103) “Transportation as a related service” means specialized transportation adapted to serve the needs of a Medicaid-eligible student to and from a covered health service that is necessary and appropriate and described in the Individualized Education Program/individualized Family Service Plan (IEP/IFSP) as outlined in OAR 410-133-0080 (Coverage).

(104) “Transportation vehicle trip log” means a record or log kept specifically for tracking each transportation trip a Medicaid-eligible student receives transportation to or from a covered health service. (See SBHS OAR 410-133-0245, Cost Determination and Payment.)

(105) “Treatment Plan” means a written plan of care services, including treatment with proposed location, frequency and duration of treatment as required by the health care practitioner’s health licensing agency.

(106) “Unit” means a service measurement of time for billing and reimbursement efficiency. One unit equals 15 minutes unless otherwise stated.

(107) “Visit” means a service measurement of time for billing and reimbursement efficiency. One visit equals the school provider’s hourly cost rate for category of service provided (i.e., occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, etc.) specified in an IEP or IFSP, divided by 60 to yield a cost per minute, and multiplied by amount of service time provided in minutes. For billing purposes, a visit is always presented as one visit.

(108) “Web Portal submitter” means an individual or entity authorized to establish an electronic media connection with the Health Systems Division, Medical Assistance Programs to conduct a direct data entry transaction. A web portal submitter may be a provider or a provider’s agent.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 413.042
STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 413.042, 414.065
AMEND: 410-133-0080

RULE TITLE: Coverage

RULE SUMMARY: The Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) has updated guidelines for coverage of telehealth services. These updates support appropriate response to an outbreak or epidemic of an infectious disease through increased access to appropriate health care resources. This temporary rule amendment authorizes the Authority and Division to operationalize the intent of the revisions to telehealth services.

RULE TEXT:

The Authority may reimburse school medical (SM) providers for covered health services that meet all of the following criteria:

(1) The health service must be “necessary and appropriate,” considered as a covered service under the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) Prioritized List of health services, and the health service may not be excluded under OAR 410-133-0200 Not Covered Services.

(2) The health service must be required by a Medicaid-eligible student’s physical or mental condition that adversely affects the child/student’s educational performance and that helps the child/student keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning as specified on the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) and further described in the treatment plan and the evaluation of the student.

(3) The health service, individual, or group may include corrective health services treatments and Medicaid-covered related services as described in a student’s IEP or IFSP:

(a) The payment rate for health services includes case management and necessary supplies for these services. Additional reimbursement for such services are not paid separately from the health service;

(b) These services must be provided by medically-qualified staff that meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120 and comply with the respective medical provider’s governing definitions, scope of practice, documentation requirements, and licensure or certification.

(4) Evaluation and assessment for SBHS are reimbursed for the part of the evaluation or assessment regarding a Medicaid-eligible student’s “necessary and appropriate” SBHS needs for the purpose of establishing, re-establishing, or terminating a Medicaid-covered service on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or to develop, review, or revise components of a covered health service currently provided to a Medicaid-eligible student for continuation of those covered services pursuant to an IEP or IFSP under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA):

(a) Evaluation services are procedures used to determine an SBHS covered health-related need, diagnosis, or eligibility under IDEA;

(b) Re-evaluation services are procedures used to measure a Medicaid-eligible student’s health status compared to an initial or previous evaluation and is focused on evaluation of progress toward current goals, modifying goals or treatment, or making a professional judgment to determine whether or not a Medicaid-eligible student will continue to receive continued care for a SBHS covered service pursuant to the IEP or IFSP under IDEA. Continuous assessment of the student’s progress as a component of ongoing therapy services is not billable as a re-evaluation.

(5) Assistive technology services directly assist a Medicaid-eligible student with a disability eligible under IDEA to receive assistive technology-covered SBHS as specified on the IEP or IFSP in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device, including:

(a) The assistive technology assessment with one-to-one student contact time by medically-qualified staff within the scope of practice performing the assessment of the need, suitability, and benefits of the use of an assistive technology device or adaptive equipment that will help restore, augment, or compensate for existing functional ability in the Medicaid-eligible student or that will optimize functional tasks for the Medicaid-eligible student’s environmental accessibility. This requires and includes the preparation of a written report;

(b) Care coordination with the Medicaid-eligible student’s physician, parent/guardian, and the Division for the parent/guardian’s acquisition of a personal assistive technology device for their Medicaid-eligible student through the student’s Medicaid plan for the benefit of the Medicaid-eligible student to maximize her functional ability and...
environmental accessibility; and
(c) Training or technical assistance provided to or demonstrated with the Medicaid-eligible student by medically-
qualified staff, instructing the use of an assistive technology device or adaptive equipment in the educational setting
with professionals (including individuals providing education and rehabilitation services) or where appropriate the
family members, guardians, advocates, or authorized representative of the Medicaid-eligible student. In order to bill
Medicaid for this service, the student must be present.
(6) The Authority may reimburse physical therapy services provided by:
(a) A physical therapist authorized to administer physical therapy to an individual when the individual is a Medicaid-
eligible student eligible for special education, as defined by state or federal law, and is being seen pursuant to the
Medicaid-eligible student’s individual education plan or individual family service plan (see Oregon administrative rules
chapter 848, division 10, Licensed Physical therapist and Licensed Physical Therapist Assistants; Division 15 Physical
Therapist Assistants; and Division 40 Minimum Standards For Physical Therapy Practice and Records);
(b) A physical therapist assistant providing treatment under the supervision of a physical therapist that is available and
readily accessible for consultation with the assistant at all times either in person or by means of telecommunications
(see OAR chapter 848, division 15, Physical Therapist Assistants). Physical therapy services must be provided by
medically-qualified staff that meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as
described in OAR 410-133-0120;
(c) Reimbursement time may include:
(A) Preparation of the written initial evaluation or initial assessment report to establish necessary and appropriate
physical therapy services on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP;
(B) Obtaining and interpreting medical information for the part of an evaluation or assessment performed by the
physical therapist to establish necessary and appropriate physical therapy services on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP
or IFSP or to determine whether or not necessary and appropriate physical therapy services will continue to be
specified on the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP under IDEA (cannot be delegated);
(C) Care coordination and integrating services within the scope of practice for providing necessary and appropriate
physical therapy services relative to the Medicaid-eligible student pursuant to an IEP or IFSP;
(D) Direct treatment and supervision of services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student by the physical therapist and
defined in the individual plan; when
(E) Documentation by the supervising physical therapist supporting the appropriate supervision of the assistant is
maintained and kept by the School Medical Provider for a period of seven years (see OAR chapter 848, division 40,
Minimum Standards for Physical Therapy Practice and Records);
(F) Individual or group physical therapy services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student by or under the supervision and
direction of a licensed physical therapist pursuant to the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP; when the
documentation describing physical therapy services provided are signed by the therapist providing the service in
accordance with their board licensing requirements, and documentation for supervision of services performed by or
under the supervision and direction of the supervising physical therapist supporting the services provided is maintained
and kept by the school medical provider for seven years (see Minimum Standards for Physical Therapy Practice and
Records OARs 848-040-0100 through 848-040-0170);
(G) Other covered physical therapy services within the scope of practice and sections (1) and (2) of this rule.
(7) The Authority may reimburse occupational therapy services provided by:
(a) A licensed Occupational Therapist (OT) authorized to administer occupational therapy to an individual when the
individual is a Medicaid-eligible student eligible for special education, as defined by state or federal law, and is being
seen pursuant to the Medicaid-eligible student’s individual education plan or individual family service plan; and
(b) A licensed occupational therapy assistant assisting in the practice of occupational therapy under the general
supervision of a licensed occupational therapist. General supervision requires the supervisor to have at least monthly
direct contact in person with the supervisee at the work site with supervision available as needed by other methods; and
(c) Before an occupational therapy assistant assists in the practice of occupational therapy, he must file with the Board a signed, current statement of supervision of the licensed occupational therapist that will supervise the occupational therapy assistant (see OAR 339-010-0035 Statement of Supervision for Occupational Therapy Assistant). Occupational therapy services must be provided by medically-qualified staff that meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120;

(d) Reimbursement time may include:

(A) Preparation of the written initial evaluation or initial assessment reports that establish necessary and appropriate occupational therapy services on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP;

(B) Obtaining and interpreting medical information for the part of the evaluation or assessment performed by the occupational therapist to establish necessary and appropriate occupational therapy services on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or to determine whether or not necessary and appropriate occupational therapy services will continue to be specified on the Medicaid eligible student’s IEP or IFSP under IDEA (cannot be delegated);

(C) Development of the initial occupational therapy treatment plan by the OT (cannot be delegated);

(D) Coordinating care and integrating services within the scope of practice relative to the Medicaid-eligible student receiving necessary and appropriate occupational therapy services as specified on the IEP or IFSP;

(E) Individual or group occupational therapy services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student by or under the supervision and direction of a licensed occupational therapist as specified on Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP;

(F) Direct treatment and supervision of services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student by the occupational therapist and defined in the individual plan when documentation supporting the appropriate supervision of the assistant is kept and maintained by the school medical provider for a period of seven years;

(G) The occupational therapy services provided are consistent with OAR 339-010-0050 Occupational Therapy Services for Children and Youth in Education and Early Childhood Programs Regulated by Federal Laws; and

(H) Documentation describing occupational therapy treatment provided must be signed including credentials by the occupational therapist providing the service. Where appropriate, services provided by an occupational therapist assistant shall be reviewed and co-signed by the supervising occupational therapist. All documentation describing treatment provided by an occupational therapy assistant must name the assistant therapist and the supervising therapist including credentials as reflected on the current statement of supervision filed with the Occupational Therapist Licensing Board. Supervision and documentation of supervision by the supervising therapist for therapy provided by the occupational therapy assistant must meet general supervision requirements or closer supervision where professionally appropriate. See OAR 339-010-0005, 339-010-0035, and 339-010-0050. Also, see 410-133-0320 Documentation and Record Keeping Requirements in these rules;

(I) Other covered occupational therapy services within the scope of practice and sections (1) and (2) of this rule.

(8) The Authority may reimburse speech therapy services provided by:

(a) A licensed speech pathologist licensed by the Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology or holds a license issued by the Teacher Standards and Practice Commission (TSPC) prior to July 1, 2016, exemption in ORS 681.230(4) pursuant to SB287, and holds a Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) from the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA), or has completed the equivalent educational requirements and work experience necessary for the certificate, or has completed the academic program and is acquiring supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate, or is authorized to administer speech therapy to an individual when the individual is a Medicaid-eligible student eligible for special education, as defined by state or federal law, receiving speech therapy services pursuant to an individual education plan or individual family service plan; or

(b) A graduate speech pathologist in their Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) practicing under the supervision of an licensed speech pathologist with CCC meeting the standards of licensing or certification for the health service provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120 medically-qualified staff; and when:

(A) A standardized system for reviewing the clinical work of the clinical fellow is performed at regularly scheduled intervals, using the Skills Inventory Rating (CFSI) form addressing the fellow’s attainment of skills for independent practice;
(B) The clinical fellow supervisor maintains and documents the supervision of the clinical fellow to be kept by the school medical provider for a period of seven years;
(C) Documentation describing the treatment provided is signed and initialed by the clinical fellow for review and co-signed by the supervising clinical fellow.

(c) Speech-language pathology assistants (SLPA), licensed by the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, under the supervision of a supervising speech-language pathologist and who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120 Medically Qualified Staff, when the following conditions are met:
(A) The supervising speech-language pathologist must have at least two years of full-time professional speech-language pathology experience (see OAR 335-095-0040 and 335-095-0050, Requirements for Supervising Licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistants);
(B) The supervising speech therapist does not supervise more than the equivalent of two full-time speech-language pathology assistants;
(C) The supervising speech-language pathologist maintains documentation supporting the appropriate supervision of the assistant to be kept by the school medical provider for a period of seven years;
(D) The caseload of the supervising clinician allows for administration, including assistant supervision, evaluation of students and meeting times. All students assigned to an assistant are considered part of the caseload of the supervising clinician;
(E) The supervising speech-language pathologist must be able to be reached at all times. A temporary supervisor may be designated as necessary;
(F) The services provided by the assistants are consistent with the Scope of Duties for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) pursuant to OAR 335-095-0060;
(G) Documentation describing the treatment provided is signed and initialed by the SLPA for review and co-signature by the supervising speech-language pathologist to be kept by the school medical provider for a period of seven years from date of payment.

(d) Reimbursement time may include:
(A) Preparation of the written initial evaluation or initial assessment report, including obtaining and interpreting medical information for the part of the evaluation or assessment performed by the speech pathologist to establish necessary and appropriate speech therapy services on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or determine whether or not necessary and appropriate speech therapy services will continue to be specified on the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP under IDEA (cannot be delegated);
(B) Development of the initial speech therapy treatment plan by the speech pathologist (cannot be delegated);
(C) Care coordination and integrating services within the scope of practice relative to the Medicaid-eligible student receiving necessary and appropriate speech therapy services specified on the IEP or IFSP;
(D) Direct individual or group speech therapy services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student for speech services specified on the IEP or IFSP delivered by or under the supervision and direction of a speech pathologist who is medically qualified to deliver the service, see 410-133-0120 Medically Qualified Staff;
(E) Direct training and supervision of services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student by the medically qualified supervising speech pathologist to be kept by the school medical provider for a period of seven years; and
(F) Other covered speech therapy services within the scope of practice and sections (1) and (2) of this rule.

(9) The Authority may reimburse audiology services provided by:
(a) A licensed audiologist within the scope of practice as defined by state or federal law who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120 Medically Qualified Staff;
(b) Reimbursement time may include:
(A) Preparation of the written initial evaluation or initial assessment report, including obtaining and interpreting medical information for the part of the evaluation or assessment performed by the audiologist within the scope of practice to establish necessary and appropriate hearing services on a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or
determine whether or not necessary and appropriate hearing impairment services will continue to be specified on the Medicaid-eligible student's IEP or IFSP under IDEA;

(B) Periodic hearing evaluations and assessments of a Medicaid-eligible student with hearing loss found eligible under IDEA pursuant to services as specified on the IEP or IFSP for determination of the range, nature, and degree of hearing loss;

(C) Care coordination and integration of services for medical or other professional attention relative to a Medicaid-eligible student receiving services for restoration or rehabilitation due to hearing and communication disorders as specified on the IEP or IFSP;

(D) Provision of rehabilitative activities such as language restoration or rehabilitation, auditory training, hearing evaluation and speech conversation, and determination of the Medicaid-eligible-student’s need for individual amplification in accordance with the student's IEP or IFSP.

(10) The Authority may reimburse nurse services provided by:

(a) A nurse practitioner (NP), registered nurse (RN), licensed practical nurse (LPN), or delegated health care aid under the supervision of an RN or NP who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120 Medically Qualified Staff;

(b) Nursing services under this program are not intended to reimburse nursing activities of a private duty RN or LPN that is otherwise billing Medicaid directly for those services;

(c) Reimbursement time may include:

(A) Preparation of the written initial evaluation or initial assessment report to establish nursing services including obtaining and interpreting medical information for the part of the evaluation or assessment performed to establish necessary and appropriate nursing services on the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or determine whether or not necessary and appropriate nursing services will continue to be specified on the Medicaid-eligible students IEP or IFSP under IDEA;

(B) Coordinated care for other specified care management for a chronic medical condition that is not addressed on the current IEP or IFSP that will result in amending nursing services specified in the IEP or IFSP and requires an updated nursing plan of care. This may result in an increase in supervision, monitoring, and training of DHC staff to provide new nursing tasks related to the change in condition, i.e., a child with seizure disorder that develops diabetes;

(C) Care coordination and integration of necessary and appropriate nursing services relative to the Medicaid-eligible student’s covered health service specified on the IEP or IFSP;

(D) Nurse to student interactive services that are covered health services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student with a chronic medical condition receiving nursing services pursuant to an IEP or IFSP;

(E) Oversight of delegated health care aides performing delegated nursing services directly with the student as specified on the IEP or IFSP;

(F) Student observation by medically qualified staff for medical reasons of a Medicaid-eligible student with a chronic medical condition as part of an evaluation, assessment, or care coordination. An observation by itself is not a billable activity;

(G) Other covered nursing care services within the scope of practice and sections (1) and (2) of this rule.

(11) The Authority may reimburse mental health services provided by:

(a) A psychiatrist who meets the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120(2)(f)(A), or a psychologist who meets the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120(2)(f)(B), or a mental health nurse practitioner who meets the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120(2)(e)(A); or

(b) A psychologist associate with authority to function without immediate supervision, performing functions that may include but are not restricted to administering tests of mental abilities, conducting personality assessments and counseling (see OAR 858-010-0039 Application for Independent Status). These services must be provided by medically-qualified staff who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in
OAR 410-133-0120(2)(f)(C); or
(c) A psychologist associate under the supervision of a psychologist as specified by the Board of Psychologist Examiners, OAR chapter 858, division 010. These services must be provided by medically-qualified staff who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120(2)(f)(D); or
(d) A technician under the supervision of a psychologist as specified by the Board of Psychologist Examiners, chapter 858, division 10, OAR 858-010-0002, Guidelines for Supervising Technicians, and who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120(2)(f)(E); or
(e) An LCSW qualified and licensed to deliver the service, or a Clinical Social Work Associate (CSWA) under the supervision of an LCSW specified by the Board of Licensed Social Workers, chapter 877 division 20 and who meet the standards of licensing or certification for the health service being provided as described in OAR 410-133-0120(f)(F); or
(f) Reimbursable time may include:
(A) Preparation of the written initial evaluation or initial assessment report for a suspected disability per the referral process for determining IDEA eligibility, including obtaining and interpreting medical information for the part of the evaluation or assessment performed by the mental health care practitioner within the scope of practice to establish necessary and appropriate mental health services on the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or to determine whether or not necessary and appropriate mental health services will continue to be specified on the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP under IDEA;
(B) Care coordination and integrating services within the scope of practice relative to the Medicaid-eligible student receiving mental health services as specified on the IEP or IFSP;
(C) Direct individual therapy services provided within the scope of practice under state law and covered under sections (1) and (2) of this rule to a Medicaid-eligible student by or under the supervision and direction of a psychologist, a psychiatrist, or mental health nurse practitioner, or a Licensed Clinical Social Worker qualified and licensed to deliver the service pursuant to the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP.
(12) The Authority may reimburse telehealth, tele-electronic/telephonic School-Based Health Services (SBHS) provided to the same extent the services would be covered if they were provided in person and billed to Medicaid using appropriate SBHS procedure codes and modifiers. All SBHS telehealth services shall:
(a) Be provided by a licensed practitioner/clinician employed by or contracted by an Oregon public school district or Education Service District, enrolled with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) as a “school medical (SM)” provider with authority to provide SBHS to Oregon Medicaid beneficiaries;
(b) Be performed by or under a supervising licensed practitioner/clinician within the scope of practice governed by their licensing board, who meet the federal requirements as described in medically qualified staff in OAR 410-133-0120, and who hold a current and valid license without restriction from a state licensing board where the provider is located;
(c) Use synchronous audio and visual interactive technologies, as defined in OAR 410-133-0040 (98); may include electronic or telephonic communications such as telephone conversation, video conference, or an internet relay chat session for care coordination defined in OAR 410-133-0040 (16); and shall assist the licensed practitioner/clinician with oversight of a Medicaid eligible child/student’s covered health related services provided in support of a child/student’s education program required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
(d) Be complaint with applicable privacy rules and security protections for the child/student in connection with the telehealth communication and confidentiality related to records required by HIPAA and FERPA;
(e) Obtain and maintain the telehealth communication used is compliant with privacy and security standards in HIPAA and the Authority’s Privacy and Confidentiality Rules set forth in OAR 943 division 14;
(f) Ensure policies and procedures are in place to prevent a breach in privacy or exposure of protected health information or records (whether oral or recorded in any form or medium) to unauthorized individuals.
(g) Providers billing Medicaid for SBHS health related services via telehealth must:
(A) Align services provided within a licensed practitioner/clinician scope of practice governed by their licensing board;
(B) Obtain the patient/client and if applicable, the patient’s/client’s parent or guardian’s consent to receive the services via telehealth, prior to the initiation of telehealth services;
(C) Model SOAP charting or equivalent for covered health related services required by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in compliance with Documentation and Recordkeeping Requirements in OAR 410-133-0320;
(D) Describe services provided as telehealth synchronous audio/visual interactive equivalent to face to face; or electronic/telephonic interactive communication described as telephone conversation, video conference, or internet relay chat;
(E) Bill Medicaid using the most appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) or Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes and modifiers for SBHS considered as a covered service under Oregon’s prioritized list at: https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/DSIHERC/Pages/Prioritized-List.aspx; and
(F) Maintain clinical documentation and financial records related to telehealth services as required in OAR 410-120-1360 and these SBHS Rules.

(13) Medicaid reimbursed transportation:
(a) Transportation to a covered health service as documented in the child’s IEP/IFSP and defined in these rules (see 410-133-0245, Cost Determination and Payment);
(b) Ongoing transportation specified as a related service on the Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP may be claimed as a Medicaid service on the days a Medicaid-eligible student receives a covered health service that is also specified on the IEP or IFSP and the transportation is supported by a transportation vehicle trip log;
(c) The Authority may only reimburse for transportation as a related service to and from a Medicaid-covered service for a Medicaid-eligible student when the transportation is supported by a transportation vehicle trip log; and the student receives a Medicaid-covered health service other than transportation on that day when either of the following situations exist:
   (A) The Medicaid-eligible student requires specialized transportation adapted to serve the needs of the disabled student; there is documentation to support specialized transportation is “necessary and appropriate;” and transportation is listed as a related service on the student’s IEP or IFSP; or
   (B) The Medicaid-eligible student has a medical need for transportation that is documented in the IEP or IFSP and resides in an area that does not have regular school bus transportation such as those areas in close proximity to a school.
(d) If a Medicaid-eligible student is able to ride on a regular school bus, but requires the assistance of a delegated health care aide trained by an RN to provide a delegated nursing task specific to the student and cannot be transported safely without the delegated health care aide, the service provided by the delegated healthcare aide is reimbursed under the delegated healthcare code. See the Standards for Community-Based Care Registered Nurse Delegation of a nursing care task as outlined in the Nurse Practice Act, OAR chapter 851 division 47;
(e) If a Medicaid-eligible student requires the assistance of a delegated health care aide and transportation adapted to serve the needs of the disabled student, both the necessary and appropriate transportation and the service provided by the delegated healthcare aide may be reimbursed when both are specified on the Medicaid-eligible student’s current IEP or IFSP;
(f) If an education agency provides special transportation to a Medicaid-eligible student to a covered service outside the district or the Medicaid-eligible student’s resident school and the student cannot be transported safely without a transportation aide as specified on the IEP or IFSP, the transportation is billable. However, a transportation aide who is not a delegated healthcare aide trained by an RN cannot be billed as a separate cost because the cost of the transportation aide is included in the cost of the transportation;
(g) Transportation is not reimbursable by the Division when provided by the parent or relative of the child;
(h) Transportation to an “evaluation” service is covered as long as:
   (A) Medically necessary transportation is listed and included in the Medicaid-eligible student’s current IEP or IFSP and the evaluation is to establish, re-establish, or terminate a SBHS covered service under IDEA;
   (B) The evaluation is a SBHS covered health service;
   (C) The medical provider conducting the evaluation, if not employed or contracted by the school medical provider, is an enrolled provider with the Division and meets applicable medical licensing standards necessary to conduct the
(14) Medicaid may reimburse for contracted consultation health services for furnishing consultations regarding a Medicaid-eligible student’s covered health service specified on the IEP or IFSP for an evaluation or assessment to establish, re-establish, or terminate a covered SBHS on an IEP or IFSP. Contracted consultation services must be provided by a licensed medical professional other than school medical provider staff:
(a) This service may be on a contracted basis for a number of students;
(b) Allowable services must be furnished through a personal service contract between the school medical provider and the licensed health care practitioner;
(c) This service would only be an SBHS covered health service by the school medical provider when the licensed health care practitioner did not bill Medicaid directly under other programs for the same services.

(15) Reimbursed coordinated care performed by medically qualified staff as described in OAR 410-133-0120 directly related to health services required by a Medicaid-eligible student’s physical or mental condition as described in the IEP or IFSP must be one of the following:
(a) Managing integration of those Medicaid covered health services for treatment provided in the education setting;
(b) The portion of a conference between interested parties and medically-qualified staff for developing, reviewing, or revising a Medicaid-covered health service or therapy treatment plan for services provided pursuant to a Medicaid-eligible student’s IEP or IFSP or to establish, re-establish, or terminate a covered health service under IDEA for eligibility purposes;
(c) Consultation from medically qualified staff providing technical assistance to or conferring with special education providers, physicians, or families to assist them in providing covered health services to Medicaid-eligible students for treatment provided in the educational setting related to specific health services and the goals and objectives in the student’s IEP or IFSP. Consultation services must be completed by a licensed health care practitioner within the scope of practice under their licensure.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 413.042
STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 413.042, 414.065
RULE TITLE: Billing and Payment

RULE SUMMARY: The Health Evidence Review Commission (HERC) has updated guidelines for coverage of telehealth services. These updates support appropriate response to an outbreak or epidemic of an infectious disease through increased access to appropriate health care resources. This temporary rule amendment authorizes the Authority and Division to operationalize the intent of the revisions to telehealth services.

RULE TEXT:

(1) The School Medical (SM) provider must bill the Oregon Health Authority (Authority), also termed Department, in accordance with OAR 410-120-0035; and must bill at a cost rate no greater than the education agency's cost rate for the applicable discipline reviewed and accepted by the Authority based on the cost determination process described in OAR 410-133-0245.

(2) Services must be billed on a CMS-1500 or by electronic media claims (EMC) submission using only those procedure codes and modifiers specified for the School-Based Health Services (SBHS) program. If the SM provider submits their claims electronically, the SM provider must become a trading partner with the Authority and comply with the requirements for Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) pursuant to Chapter 943 Division 120 rules and Chapter 410 Division 120 rules.

(3) The Authority will accept a claim up to 12 months from the date of service. See Department Provider Rules 943-120-0340 Claim and PHP Encounter Submission and General Rules 410-120-1300 Timely Submission of Claims.

(4) Third party liability. In general, the Medicaid program is the payor of last resort and a provider is required to bill other resources before submitting the claim to Medicaid. This requirement means that other payment sources, including other federal or state funding sources, must be used first before the Authority can be billed for covered health services. However, the following exceptions apply to the requirement to pursue third party resources:

(a) For health services provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Medicaid pays before Oregon Department of Education (ODE) or the Educational Agency (EA), to the extent the health service is a covered service provided to a Medicaid-eligible student documented as required under these rules, and subject to the applicable reimbursement rate;

(b) If School-Based Health Services (SBHS) are provided under Title V of the Social Security Act (Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant), Medicaid-covered Health Services provided by a Title V grantee are paid by Medicaid before the Title V funds;

(c) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recognize that while schools are legally liable to provide IDEA-related health services at no cost to the eligible students, Medicaid reimbursement is available for these services because section 1903(c) of the ACT requires Medicaid to be primary to the U.S. Department of Education for payment of the health-related services provided under IDEA.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 413.042, 414.065
STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 414.065
RULE TEXT:
(1) The Oregon Health Authority (Authority) will make rate determinations for the purposes of payment under OAR 410-133-0220 based on annual cost determinations submitted by local education agencies (EA's).
(2) Cost determinations will:
(a) Be based on the EA's prior year's annual audited costs;
(b) Establish an hourly and 15-minute increment rate for the current year billed;
(c) Use the current year Oregon Department of Education (ODE)-approved indirect rate for the EA;
(3) An EA shall not bill for more than its prior year's annual audited cost incurred during the previous year. There will be no required annual cost settlement for each EA, although the Authority may conduct reviews or audits of cost reports.
(4) Data for cost determinations shall be submitted in a format prescribed by the Authority and in accordance with Oregon's State Plan approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
(5) Cost determinations shall be completed for each service discipline eligible for Medicaid billing. If an EA does not receive a confirmation from the Authority indicating costs have been received and accepted, the EA may not submit payment requests for those services. Costs for services include: Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology, Psychological, Delegated Health Care, and Clinical Social Work. The Authority's acceptance of the cost calculations submitted by the SBHS provider for rates per discipline based upon the School-Based Health Services' (SBHS) provider's previous year's audited costs and, if applicable, the current years indirect rates does not imply or validate the accuracy of the data submitted.
(6) Transportation costs for Medicaid-eligible children will be reimbursed when the Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) for the Medicaid eligible child documents the need for necessary and appropriate transportation. Transportation cost reimbursement rates are based on the EA's prior year's audited costs for special education transportation and will be submitted in a format prescribed by the Department and in accordance to Oregon's State Plan approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
(7) Costs for telehealth technologies used to provide SBHS health related services are included in the cost for each service discipline and are not billed separately.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 413.042
STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 414.065