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TO: Eligible Providers of the Medicaid School Program
    Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

FROM: Michael B. Colbert, Director

SUBJECT: Providing Speech Therapy in the Medicaid School Program through Interactive Audio-Visual Technologies

This letter provides clarification of coverage of speech therapy provided by Speech-Language Pathologists through the Medicaid School Program (MSP) through interactive audio-visual technologies, commonly referred to as telehealth. Effective August 2, 2011, MSP speech therapy telehealth can be billed using Current Procedural Terminology code 92507, defined by the American Medical Association as: Treatment of speech language, voice, communication, and/or auditory procession disorder, individual; this code needs to be billed using the telehealth modifier "GT" to indicate the service was provided "via interactive audio and video telecommunication system" (e.g., 92507 GT). The purpose of this modifier is tracking and reporting only; no additional reimbursement is associated with providing speech therapy through telehealth.

Web Pages:

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