

Medicaid Compliant Session Notes Webinar

Questions & Answers

Q	Can you provide a make-up session and a provided session in the same day?
A	Yes, if your county allows for same-day second services, then you can provide the child's regularly scheduled session as well as a make-up session on the same day.
Q	Is Special Instruction a Medicaid accepted billing service?
A	Special Instruction is not an SSHSP Medicaid billable service. All SSHSP Medicaid billable services are listed on page 6 of the Medicaid Handbook. Link to the handbook: https://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/handbook/Final%20SSHSP%20Handbook%20Update%2010%20-corrected.pdf
Q	If the setting is " community setting " can the location be classroom or library as long as an address is listed?
A	The use of " community setting " as a setting is generally for instances when the session took place at a community location other than the school/preschool facility. This includes (but is not limited to) libraries, parks, etc. When listing the location for a community setting it is best to list the name and address (e.g. Town Library, 123 Main St, Anytown NY).
Q	If the setting is classroom, does the location need to include the classroom number?
A	No, it does not. Including the name and address of the school the classroom is within is sufficient.
Q	If one child is absent in a group of two (making the session not Medicaid billable), can the session still be billed to the county?
A	The session can still be submitted to the county. You will need to check with your county regarding their payment policies.
Q	Must there always be an objective score vs a general comment of progress?
A	Each session note must list a brief description of the child's progress, or lack of progress, during the session. Including specific scores in each session note is not required for Medicaid purposes.
Q	Can you have two default service locations if the child is not always seen in the same location?
A	Yes, you can enter multiple default locations to select from the location drop-down box when completing your session note. This drop-down box will also retain all previously used locations for that child. On the My Caseload screen, when you select the " defaults " link at the end of the row, you can enter the default information for that specific child. You can add multiple locations, ICD, & CPT codes.

Default CPT Code for new attendance


	CPT Code	Description
Edit	97532	DEVELOPMENT OF COGNITIVE SKILLS TO IMPROVE ATTENTION, MEMORY, PROBLEM SOLVING AND
Edit	97533	SENSORY INTEGRATIVE TECHNIQUES TO ENHANCE SENSORY PROCESSING AND PROMOTE
	<input type="text"/>	

Default ICD10 Code for new attendance

	ICD 10 Code	Description	
Edit	F84.0	Autistic disorder	Delete
Edit	R62.50	Unsp lack of expected normal physiol dev in childh	Delete
	<input type="text"/>		Add

Default Service Locations

Location Name	Location Type	Street Address	Street Name	City	State	Zip Code	
abc prek	Preschool	123	main st	albany	NY	12205	Remove
Town Library	Other	321	Main Street	albany	NY	12205	Remove

Add Default Service Location 

Q If the ICD-10 code on the prescription does not have enough digits to be a billable code (is not specific enough), can the prescription still be used?

A Yes, a prescription can be verified for Medicaid purposes showing only a non-billable ICD code. The therapist will select a more specific code from that code family to use on the session note.

Q So the prescription can show ICD code R62 (a non-billable code), but the therapist can put R62.50 on the session note?

A Yes, if the therapist decides that R62.50 is the code that best aligns with that provided session (from the R62 code family) they can use R62.50 on a session note, when R62 is the code on the prescription. R62 requires more specificity, so it cannot be used on the session note, one of the more specific R62 codes must be selected by the therapist.

Version	ICD Code	Specific Enough	Short Description
10	R62	Requires additional digits	Lack of expected normal physiol dev in childhood a
10	R62.0	OK	Delayed milestone in childhood
10	R62.5	Requires additional digits	Oth and unsp lack of expected normal physiol dev i
10	R62.50	OK	Unsp lack of expected normal physiol dev in childh
10	R62.51	OK	Failure to thrive (child)
10	R62.52	OK	Short stature (child)
10	R62.59	OK	Oth lack of expected normal physiol development in
10	R62.7	OK	Adult failure to thrive

Q	Please clarify, the therapist can determine a more specific code if the practitioner indicates a code that is not specific enough for billing purposes?
A	Correct. The therapist can select a code from within that code family that best aligns with their provided session. They can view all codes in a specific code family by using the ICD code lookup in the Portal (Lookup > ICD code Lookup).
Q	Can a therapist use a code that listed for another service on a prescription if it is more appropriate than the ICD-10 code indicated for their service?
A	If the ICD codes are listed specifically for a certain service, then those codes can only be used for that service.