

DIGITAL SPEECH RECOMMENDATIONS (for SLPs)

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Questions & Answers

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DIGITAL SPEECH RECOMMENDATIONS	
Q	If two SLPs are providing speech to the same child (i.e., 4x30 weekly), does each SLP need to create their own prescription?
A	Either each SLP can create their own digital order for ST 4x30 or the first SLP to see the child can create the digital order, which would cover both SLPs.
Q	What happens if a digital recommendation was not completed on first day of service, but was done a few days later? Will we be able to bill for services that were done prior to the digital Recommendation being completed?
A	You will be able to bill for provided sessions to the county, but any provided sessions prior to the signature date of the digital recommendation will not be eligible for billing Medicaid.
Q	Must the digital recommendation signature date be on the first day of service - or can it be before?
A	If the SLP has seen the child (i.e., completed the evaluation or serviced the child previously), the recommendation can be completed prior to the first session of the school year with the child. If the SLP has not seen the child previously, the SLP must wait until the first session with the child before the recommendation can be completed. If the recommendation is not completed on the initial date with the child, any provided sessions without a recommendation in place should be marked as “not Medicaid eligible.”
Q	If an SLP completed the prescription before the start date of the service with the child, is that valid on prescriptions that have been uploaded already?
A	If the SLP has seen the child previously, completing the recommendation prior to the first session with the child meets Medicaid requirements.
DOCTOR’S PRESCRIPTIONS	
Q	How does the SLP handle the prescription if speech therapy is ordered by a doctor?
A	A written order that includes speech therapy can be uploaded to the Portal; however, to ensure that a Medicaid-compliant recommendation is on file for the child, the SLP (that is treating the child) should complete a digital order directly following the initial session with the child.
Q	What if the doctor writes a prescription with an ICD 10 code that an SLP is not able to write (i.e., F84.0)?
A	The SLP can assess the child during the initial visit, determine the appropriate ICD code and complete the recommendation.