

MEDICAID-COMPLIANT WRITTEN ORDERS

4/16 & 4/17, 2024

Questions & Answers

Topic/Category	
TIMING OF THE PRESCRIPTION	
Q	Can you use the “ <i>As per IEP</i> ” reference for a school year after the initial start date of the session?
A	Yes. The “As per IEP” reference is referencing the IEP (which is valid for the entire school year). This reference can be used on a prescription during the time that the service is valid. Once the service mandate changes, a new prescription is required. The signature date of that prescription must coincide with the IEP implementation date of the new service.
Q	Are we required to use the <i>Knowledge Base Prescription Templates</i> ? If we have a Medicaid-compliant template, can we use our template?
A	The county would need to make that decision. McGuinness strongly recommends using the McGuinness template. We have found that the placement of each Medicaid element on the prescription matters in achieving compliance. We have had a lot of success with the current template.
Q	Does any of the prescription information apply to prescriptions for <i>evaluations</i> ?
A	Yes. The same rules apply to all Medicaid prescriptions.
Q	What <i>evaluation components</i> are reimbursable by Medicaid?
A	Psychological & Audiological Evals The Medicaid Handbook (https://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/handbook/sshsp_handbook_9_march_21_2018_final.pdf - Pages 27-29) explains the evaluation process.
Q	If a child’s summer and fall service mandates are different, but the scripts are sent to the doctor together, can the <i>signature date</i> be the same for both the summer and fall prescriptions?
A	Yes, as long as the term of service and signature dates fall within the school year/calendar year for the child’s summer and fall sessions.
Q	If a child has a <i>change in service</i> for PT and there is a new IEP issued, will a prescription for all services be required or just PT?
A	You are only required to obtain a new prescription for the service that changed.