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Medicaid-Compliant Written Orders

(Updated March 2022)

INTRODUCTIONS

Who will you be working with at McGuinness?

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McGuinness has a separate Portal mailbox strictly for Medicaid Issues. The mailbox is **MEDICAID@CPSEPORTAL.COM**. You will see this noted on the bottom of every slide.

Here are some things that you can address to the Medicaid mailbox:

- Medicaid Compliance
- Medicaid Documentation; including how to upload documentation
- IEPs
- Prescriptions & Digital Recommendations
- Credential Verification

TOPICS COVERED

- ☐ Purpose of Webinar
- Prescriptions Should be Reviewed Upon Receipt
- ■What should you be Checking?
- What are the Eight Items Required on a Medicaid Prescription?
- Examples of Valid versus Invalid Prescription Items
- Medicaid-Compliant Written Order Template
- ☐ Replacement Prescriptions
- When is a New Prescription Required?
- ■Verification Process
- ☐ Altering Prescriptions
- ☐ Review (Summary of Things to Review)

MEDICAID COMPLIANCE FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

Most contracts between counties and providers stipulates that the provider will comply with Medicaid regulations.

The prescription compliance (policy/regulations) discussed during today's presentation is required for the county to claim Medicaid.

McGuinness, as the Medicaid claiming agent for your county, will be following these Medicaid compliance rules when reviewing prescriptions to ensure that they meet all the Medicaid requirements.

PURPOSE OF WEBINAR

The purpose of this webinar is to educate agencies and service providers on the importance of Medicaid-compliant prescriptions. Our goal is to achieve a higher percentage of compliant documentation; thereby improving the process.

Included at the end this presentation are citations from either the Medicaid Provider Policy & Billing Handbook (Update 9), and/or the Medicaid Questions & Answers. (Slides #75 – #90)

WHAT IS A WRITTEN ORDER? (From the Medicaid Provider Handbook, Page 21)

* "The written order/written referral (prescription) is the document that **establishes medical necessity for the related service to be furnished** and constitutes medical direction of the ordering professional. In order to bill Medicaid, a written order/written referral from a qualified Medicaid provider is required..."

A written order is synonymous with the following terms:

- Prescription
- Speech Recommendation
- Written Referral

^{*} Medicaid Provider Policy & Billing Handbook (Update 9)
http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/handbook/sshsp_handbook_9_march_21_2018_final.pd

PRESCRIPTIONS SHOULD BE REVIEWED UPON RECEIPT

- From Q&A # 114: ... It is recommended that the written orders received by school districts, county or §4201 schools for SSHSP services be monitored for completeness and that any necessary replacement documentation is requested as soon as possible. [Medicaid Q&A #114]
- □ Since the written order is one of the key documents that will allow the Medicaid claiming process to move forward, <u>all</u> stakeholders should take part in ensuring that all the "required" information is included on the written order <u>upon receipt.</u>
- □ All therapists (OT, PT, SLP, etc.) should make sure that their written orders are Medicaid-compliant prior to servicing a child.
- ☐ Agencies should ensure that all written orders meet Medicaid requirements upon receipt (prior to uploading them to the Portal).
- ☐ If the written order does <u>not</u> meet all the Medicaid requirements, a replacement (new) order should be requested <u>immediately</u>. (The replacement order will have a subsequent date.)

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE CHECKING?

- When a written order is received, what should you be checking?
 - ✓ Review the prescription for **readability** (ensure that handwriting is legible).
 - ✓ Ensure that **stamps are readable** and not stamped over other pertinent information (e.g., signature/date signed).
 - ✓ Check the document to ensure that the **scanned image is clear/readable** (no dark spots or lines) and is scanned in its entirety (is not cut off).
 - ✓ Make sure the (8) required elements of a Medicaid prescription (next slide) are included on the order (completely filled in no blanks and expressed in accordance with Medicaid).
 - ✓ Ensure that any corrections made to the order meets Medicaid requirements (i.e., white-out is not used, the corrected information is crossed out and initialed by the ordering practitioner).

 Questions? Contact Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com.

QUESTIONS

Questions??

WHAT ARE THE EIGHT REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION?

Per the Medicaid Provider Policy and Billing Handbook (Update 9) Page 21, www.oms.nysed.gov/Medicaid, there are eight (8) required elements on a written order.

- 1. Child's Name
- Term of Service
- Service(s) being ordered (OT/PT/ST).
 - The <u>frequency and duration</u> of the ordered service must be either <u>specified on the order</u> itself -OR-
 - the order can explicitly adopt the frequency and duration of the service in the IEP reference
- **4. Patient diagnosis**/need for service(s)
- 5. <u>Signature</u> of the ordering practitioner
- 6. **Date** the order was written and signed
- 7. Ordering Practitioner's NPI or license number
- 8. Ordering Practitioner's Contact information with both address and phone number

Eight Elements of a Written Order Defined

The next several slides will show you the valid verses invalid way to express each Medicaid element on a prescription.

1. CHILD'S NAME

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)	Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)
Child's First and Last Name (Entire name spelled correctly)	 No Name Name spelled incorrectly Only first name (or only last name) Name of another child (incorrect child uploaded) Incorrect date of birth (Not required on Rx, but if delineated must be correct.)
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2. TERM OF SERVICE

Time Period of the Ordered Service

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)	Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)
Preferred Format: (MM/DD/YY or MM/DD/YYYY)	Incomplete Dates or No Term of Service Dates
• July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	 No "Term of Service" listed on order 2021 – 2022 or 21/22
 7/1/21 – 6/30/22 	 9/2021 – 6/2022 July 2021 – June 2022
 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 	 July 2021 – August 2022*
School Year 2021-22	 Rx is dated <u>7/1/21</u>, the term of service is <u>7/1/21 to</u> <u>8/31/22</u> (limiting the life of the prescription)
	* The Fiscal year for a school district ends on June 30; therefore, a new written order will need to be submitted beginning July 1.
	(Medicaid Handbook – Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #34 & #37.)

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3. SERVICE(S) BEING ORDERED

Frequency & Duration of Service

- □ The service (OT/PT/ST) should be listed on the written order along with <u>one</u> of the following:
 - Option 1:* Specific reference to adopt the frequency and duration "As per the IEP" (If this option is used, the frequency and duration should not be written on the order.),
 OR
 - Option 2: Frequency and duration of the ordered service(s),
 - * Using this option is "best practice" and will reduce the chance of potential issues.

3. FREQUENCY & DURATION OF SERVICE

Continued

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)

- Frequency and duration "As per IEP" -OR Speech 2x30 (Individual) / Speech 2x30 (Group)
- If the frequency/duration <u>is</u> specified on the order, it should match the frequency/duration listed in the IEP.
- If the frequency/duration is specified and does not match the IEP, <u>a new order should be requested</u>.
- If a prescription template is being used with multiple services listed, make sure the correct services are checked.

Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)

- OT 2X (Frequency is listed, but not the duration)
- If "<u>As per IEP</u>" is delineated on the order, the specific reference of the frequency/duration should <u>not</u> be written on the order.
- If the frequency and duration is delineated on the Rx and it does not match the IEP mandate, the Rx will be invalid for Medicaid.
- If the frequency and duration are adopted by IEP reference for a child's <u>initial</u> order and a <u>new</u> IEP is subsequently generated due to a <u>change in service</u>, a new order is required. If the initial Rx is uploaded to the new enrollment for the change in service it will not be valid for Medicaid.

Questions? Contact Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com.

(Medicaid Handbook – Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #33.)

4. PATIENT DIAGNOSIS / NEED FOR SERVICE(S)

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)

Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)

- ICD Code F82
- Reason/Need for Service:
 - "Specific developmental disorder of motor function"
 - "Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder"
- "Preferred practice" would be to have <u>both</u> the ICD code as well as the reason/need for service delineated on the order.

- The absence of an ICD code or reason/need for service; one must be on the written order.
- There is no ICD code and the Reason/Need for Service is not specific enough.
 - Developmental delay, or
 - Preschooler with a disability
- A non-approved ICD code was listed on the written order without an explanation for the reason/need for services. Without the reason/need for services, the written order is not valid for Medicaid purposes.

(Medicaid Handbook – Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #157.)

5. SIGNATURE OF THE ORDERING PRACTITIONER

Is the order signed?

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)	Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)
 Acceptable methods of signing: Signed with a hand-written signature Signed with an electronic or digital signature* 	 Unacceptable methods of signing: Signature stamp* Scanned "image" of a signature (i.e., JPEG) or font substitution (Jane Doe – Jane Doe)* Doctor's signature was signed by another staff employee (i.e., nurse) and then initialed Signed by a Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY) Signed with two signatures (No UDO on scripts)
Questions? Contact Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com.	(Medicaid Handbook – Page 21.)

^{*} Scanned images or font substitutions of signatures are not electronic/digital signatures.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

Are Electronic Signatures Acceptable?

Yes, electronic signatures are acceptable if adequate security is in place and confidentiality is maintained. The use of an electronic signature has the same validity as a signature affixed by hand.*

- Providers must be prepared to authenticate or prove that the record was electronically signed by the person authorized to sign the record, and,
- Electronic signatures affixed by someone other than the actual practitioner are not allowable.
- James McGuinness and Associates, as the Medicaid claiming agent for the county, will require that an attestation be signed to acknowledge that all the requirements of the electronic signature meets the applicable requirements of the Medicaid Program found in federal and state (18 NYCRR) regulations.

^{*} Medicaid Questions and Answers – Questions 129 & 130. http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/q and a/q and a combined revised 12 9 16.pdf/

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

If you use electronic signatures an attestation is required. What are you attesting to?

- The signature meets all the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations.
- ✓ The signature has the features of an electronic signature and not the characteristics of a stamped signature, such as an image or font substitution.
- ✓ There is a record of who added the electronic signature, when the record was created, that the record was created through some type of secure authorization (password, PIN #, etc.), that the record cannot be altered or, if altered, records the original and altered versions, dates of creation and creator.
- ✓ There is adequate security in place to ensure that only the person authorized to sign the record can affix the electronic signature.
- ✓ The electronic signature cannot be affixed by someone other than the actual practitioner.
- ✓ The electronic record is accessible to any auditing agency, which may require a certification that the paper reproduction is an exact copy of the electronic record.
- ✓ The content of the record **meets the** applicable requirements **of the Medicaid Program** found in federal and state (18 NYCRR) regulations to support the claim for payment.

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6. DATE THE ORDER WAS WRITTEN & SIGNED

Was the order dated?

Complete date the order was written and signed.

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)	Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)
 Complete date format (MM/DD/YY or MM/DD/YYYY): June 1, 2021 6/1/21 6/1/2021 	 Absence of the date the order was written and signed. Incomplete date format: 6/21, June 2021 The date was handwritten, crossed out and a new date written. The correction was not initialed or white-out was used in place of the cross-out before the correction was made.
Questions? Contact Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com.	(Medicaid Handbook – Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #37 & #38.)

7. ORDERING PRACTITIONER'S NPI OR LICENSE

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)

AND / OR:

The NPI <u>or</u> license number is required on the written order; however, *preferred practice* is to have both the NPI and license numbers on the order. Having both on the order will reduce the chance of potential issues.

- NPI Number (NPI # should be 10 digits?)
 - NPI # 1234567890
- License Number (License # should be 6 digits?)
 - o License # 123456

Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)

- Absence of the NPI or license number. One <u>must</u> be delineated on the order.
- NPI and license numbers are delineated on the order, but are not readable. (Handwriting is illegible or a stamp was used and not readable.)
- A stamp of the practitioner's NPI/License # was used and was stamped over other pertinent information on the order.

8. ORDERING PRACTITIONER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

(office stamp or preprinted address and telephone number) What should be on the written order?

Medicaid Compliant (Valid)	Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)		
• 123 Main Street (Street address) Anytown, NY 12345 (City, State, Zip) (555) 555-5555 (Phone number Including area code)	 123 Main Street Anytown, NY 12345 (<i>Phone number missing</i>) 123 Main Street Anytown (<i>State, Zip and phone number missing</i>) (555) 555-5555 (<i>Address is missing</i>) 		
Questions? Contact Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com.	The contact information is included, but not readable, or a stamp was used and the stamped information was placed over other pertinent information on the order. (Medicaid Handbook – Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #114.)		

CHECKLIST

CHECKLIST FOR A MEDICAID-COMPLIANT WRITTEN ORDER

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CHECKLIST FOR A MEDICAID-COMPLIANT WRITTEN ORDER

What should I be checking?

- Handwriting should be legible for all eight required elements.
- √ Scanned documents should be checked to ensure that all content was scanned and the image is clear/readable.
- √ Corrections must be crossed out and initialed. White out is not permissible on Medicaid documentation.
- ✓ Check for any missing information (Items left blank.) OR, Make sure a stamp is not covering other pertinent information.

_	(8) Required Elements	Medicaid Compliant (Valid)	Non-Medicaid Compliant (Invalid)					
	by nequired elements	Child's First & Last Name (spelled correctly)	•No Name					
		- Come 31 132 Ca East Harrie (appends correctly)	Name spelled incorrectly					
1.	CHILD'S NAME		Only first name (or only last name)					
	CHILD'S NAME		Name of another child					
			•Incorrect date of birth					
		Preferred format for expressing dates - (MM/DD/YY)	Incomplete Dates:					
		*July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	•2018 - 2019 or 18/19					
2.	TERM OF SERVICE	•7/1/18 - 6/30/19	•9/2018 - 6/2019					
		•7/1/2018 - 6/30/2019	 July 2018 – June 2019 					
			•No "Term of Service" listed on the order					
		Option 1:* Specific reference to adopt the frequency and di	uration "as per the IEP."					
		(If this option is used, the frequency/duration sh						
3	SERVICE(S) BEING ORDERED	* Using this option is "best practice" and will reduce the chance of potential issuesOR-						
-	Frequency & Duration	Option 2: Actual Frequency and Duration of Service	out the charter of potential labels.					
	of Service	Frequency and duration "As per the IEP"	OT 2X (frequency listed, but not the duration)					
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		-OR- Speech 2x30 (I) - Speech 1x30 (G)	*As per the regulations, either the reference to the					
	(The service (OT/PT/ST) should	•If the frequency/duration is specified on the order, it	IEP or the specific frequency/duration should be					
	Be listed on the order along with	should match the frequency/duration listed on the IEP. If	used on the order; not both.					
	ONE of the following options -	the frequency/duration is specified and does not match	 If the frequency/duration are adopted by IEP 					
	NOT BOTH)	the IEP, a new order should be requested.	reference, on the order and the					
			frequency/duration changes, a new written order					
		 If an order template is being used with multiple services, 	is required; "as per IEP" no longer applies once the					
		make sure the correct services are checked.	IEP changes.					
4.	Patient Diagnosis / Need for	•ICD Code - F82	•The absence of an ICD code or reason/need for					
	Service(s)	 "Specific developmental disorder of motor function" 	service.					
_	Signature of the Order Practitioner	Acceptable methods of signing:	Unacceptable methods of signing:					
٥.		*Signed with a hand-written signature	Signature stamp					
		Signed with an electronic or digital signature	*Scanned "image" of signature (i.e., JPEG) or font					
	Is the order Signed?		substitution					
	55 Tr (E-67)	•June 1, 2019.	Absence of the date the order was signed.					
6.	Date the Order was	•6/1/19. or	Date is unclear					
	Written & Signed	•6/1/2019	An unacceptable correction was made.					
		73 43 43 44	Absence of the NPI or the license number. One					
		NPI or license number is required on the order; however,						
		both the NPI and license number are preferred* on the	must be delineated on the order.					
7.	Ordering Practitioner's NPI or License #	order.	•NPI and license numbers are listed on order, but					
		•NPI number (Is the NPI # 10 digits?) 1234567890	are not readable. (Handwriting is illegible or a					
			stamp was used and not readable.)					
		•License number (Is the license # 6 digits?) 123456						
		* Having both the NPI and License number on the order	 A stamp of the practitioner's NPI/License # was 					
		will reduce the chance of potential issues.	used and was stamped over other pertinent					
			information on the order.					
		123 Main Street (Street Address)	• 123 Main Street					
		Anytown, NY 12345 (City, State, Zip)	Anytown, NY 12345					
	Ordering Practitioners Contact	(516) 555-5555 (Phone number w/ area code)	(Phone # missing)					
		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,						
R			123 Main Street					
-	Information		Anytown (State, zip & phone # missing)					
	intermetion		The contact information is included, but not					
			readable, or a stamp was used and the stamped					
		1	information was placed over other pertinent					
		l .	information or the order.					

NEW WRITTEN ORDER IS REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: (Annual Review Meeting * Change in Service * Transfer Meeting * New Referral

- ✓ Each IEP period (Annual Review, Summer Session/Winter Session if not listed on the same IEP)
- ✓ Whenever a review meeting results in a change of service (frequency/duration/class size)
- ✓ The child transfers to another school district (This requires a new IEP so a new order is required.)
- ✓ New Referrals (Newly-identified students)
- * The "As per IEP" reference does not apply once the IEP changes. A new order is required for any of the circumstances listed above.

QUESTIONS

Questions??

EXAMPLES

The next grouping of slides are examples of <u>valid & invalid</u> items on Medicaid Prescriptions that we see during the prescription verification process.

EXAMPLE OF RX ISSUES FOR THE DATE OF BIRTH

Related Service

Occupational

Therapy

Ratio

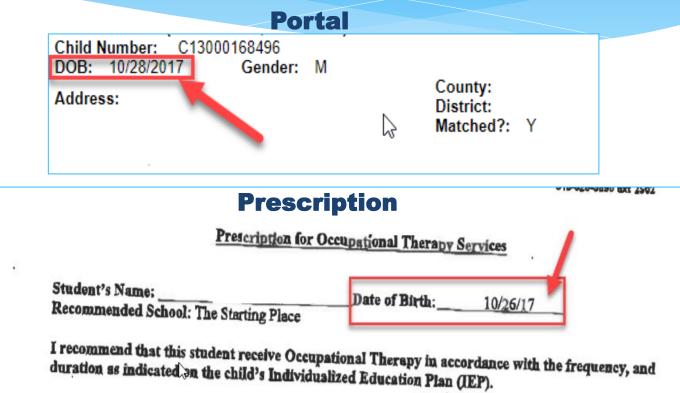
Individual

Frequency

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The date of birth is not required on Medicaid prescriptions, but if it is delineated on the prescription, it must be correct.

The **Portal** shows 10/28/17 and the **Rx** shows 10/26/17.



Duration

30 minutes

Period

weekly

Start Date

7/12/21

End Date

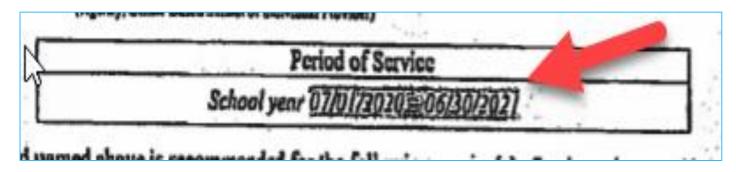
8/20/21

EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR THE TERM OF SERVICE

1. No Term of Service

(Cleach One) Reason for Ric	☐ Annual Review Meeting	☐ Change in Service	☐ Transfer Me	eting
(Required)	ice: School Year	to lu		
Term of Serv	ice: School Year	to Jur	ie	Fre
		(n - 1 - 1)	/n	-

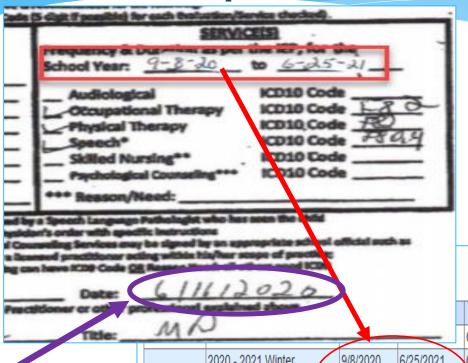
2. Highlighting - "Unreadable"



EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR THE TERM OF SERVICE

ESID

Prescription



Summer/Winter Enrollments *Rx Term of Service is for Winter Only.*

If Term of Service was 7/1/20 - 6/25/21, the prescription could be used for full year.

CB Program

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_	MN			CB2021W0051637	NEW ROCHELLE CITY SD	СВ	Classroom (9160-I)		2.5 hrs/day	
	2020 - 2021 Winter	9/8/2020	6/25/2021	CBRS2021W0049272	NEW ROCHELLE CITY SD	CBRS		ST	1x30	I
	2020 - 2021 Winter	9/8/2020	6/25/2021	BRS2021W0049273	NEW ROCHELLE CITY SD	CBRS		ST1	1x30	G
	2020 - 2021 Winter	9/8/2020	6/25/2021	CBRS2021W0049274	NEW ROCHELLE CITY SD	CBRS		OT	2x30	I
	2020 - 2021 Winter	9/8/2020	6/25/2021	CBRS2021W0049277	NEW ROCHELLE CITY SD	CBRS		PT	2x30	I
	2020 - 2021 Summer	7/6/2020	8/14/2020	RS2021S0184016	FIRST STEPS SERVICES, INC.	RS		ST	2x45	I
	2020 - 2021 Summer	7/6/2020	8/14/2020	RS2021S0184014	ACDS.INC	RS		PT	2x30	I
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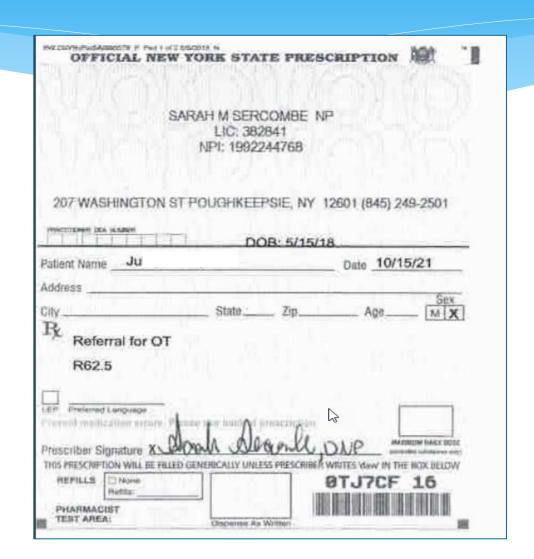
Provider

EXAMPLE OF RX ISSUES FOR FREQUENCY/DURATION

Doctor's prescriptions usually do <u>not</u> include all eight required elements for a Medicaid prescription.

This prescription is missing the <u>term of service</u> and the <u>frequency/duration</u> of the service.

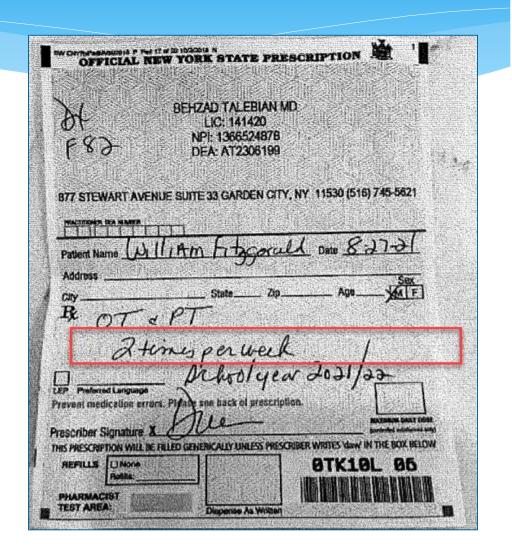
If you receive a prescription like this, enter the missing information on a Medicaid-compliant prescription template and request a replacement/new prescription.



EXAMPLE OF RX ISSUES FOR FREQUENCY/DURATION

This prescription is missing the duration of the service. The Rx shows the frequency of the service (2 times per week), but not the duration, which is required.

This prescription has all other elements of a Medicaid prescription.



EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR SERVICE / FREQUENCY-DURATION

This is an example where the prescription had narrative indicating that the services would be in accordance with the IEP, but the provider typed in the frequency and duration and it was the incorrect frequency/duration.

Excerpt #1 from the Prescription Template – "As Per IEP" Reference

The child named above is recommended for the following service(s). Services when provided will be in accordance with the Individualized Education Program designed by the Committee.

CBRS

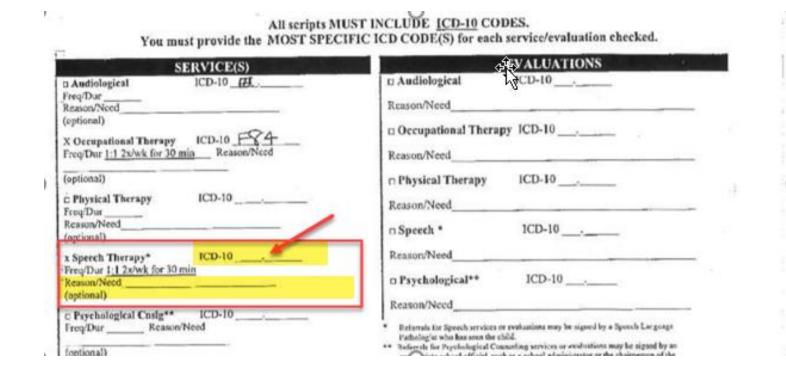
Excerpt #2 from the Prescription Template – Frequency & Duration.

(optionar) Speech Therapy* ICD-10 F80.2 Freq/Dur 4x30I, 1x30C Reason/Need: to improve receptive and expressive language skills and communication skills (optional)

Portal Enrollment - Frequency & Duration

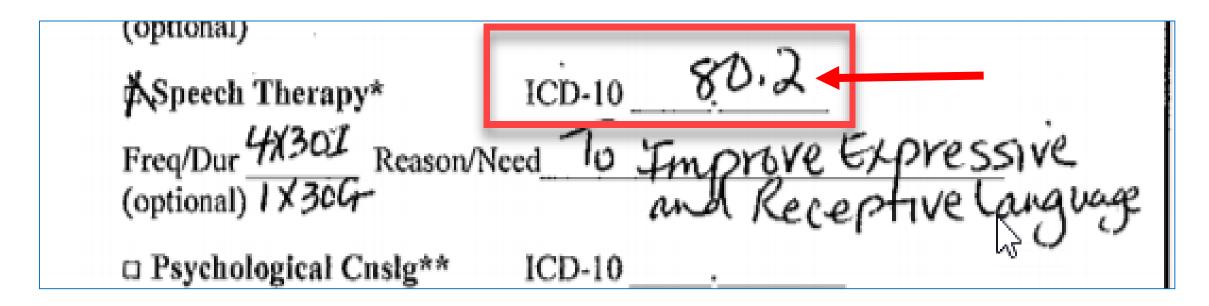
EXAMPLES OF ISSUES FOR PATIENT DIAGNOSIS / REASON-NEED FOR SERVICE

This prescription does not have an ICD Code or a reason-need for service; therefore, it was marked as not valid for Medicaid purposes.



EXAMPLES OF ISSUES FOR PATIENT DIAGNOSIS / REASON-NEED FOR SERVICE

Incorrect ICD-10 Code – Should be F8O.2

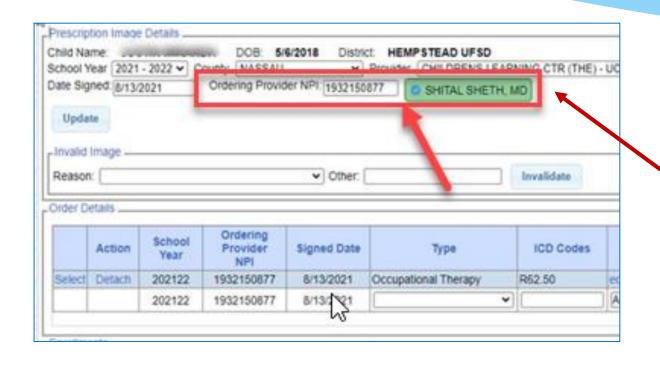


EXAMPLES OF ISSUES FOR PATIENT DIAGNOSIS / REASON-NEED FOR SERVICE

When the doctor uses ICD Code(s) that are not accepted, provide an acceptable list in the Rx Template

F82	Code: Please check any/all that apply: Coordination disorder (clumsiness, dyspraxia and or motor development disorder
F84.0	Antigm
R62.50	Unspecified lack of expected normal physiological development in childhood
R26.89	Abnormality of Gait: ataxic, paralytic, spastic, staggering
D27 8	Lack of coordination; ataxia, not otherwise specified; muscular incoordination
Other	(Please Specify) P80.9

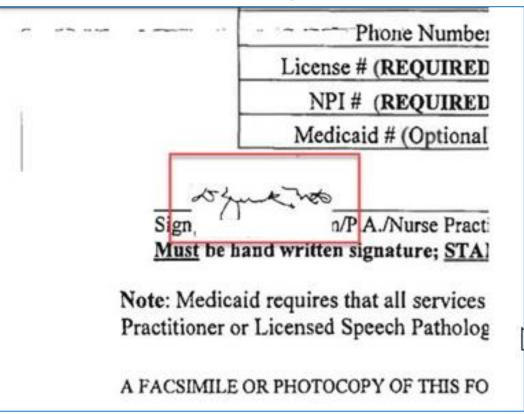
EXAMPLES OF SIGNATURE ISSUES



Peri	od of Service
School year	7/6/2021 - 6/24/2022
The child named above is recommende provided will be in accordance with the line Committee.	d for the following service(s). Services when individualized Education Program designed by
Note: Please provide an ICD-	10 code for each service selected
Sen (Piease c Require: most specif	vice/Therapy theokrany that apply) to ICD-10 Code for each service.
☑ OT ICD-10 ☑ PT ICD-10	Code PC1.50
	stant/Nurse Practitioner Information
(Please print):	Christine Johnson, 84 Dr. Shital sh
Name:	FULTON PEDIATRICS
Address:	609 Fulton Avenue
Phone Number:	Tel: 516.489.8888
License # (REQUIRED)	233CS7 Fax: 516.489.6262
NPI # (REQUIRED)	1932159824
Medicaid Provider #	2734458
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EXAMPLES OF SIGNATURE STAMPS

Computer-Generated Signature Stamp

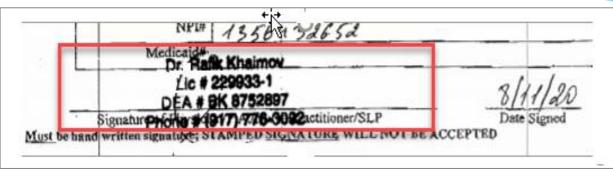


Font Substitution in place of Signature

SERVICES: <u>F80.2</u>	
(Use official	ICD-10 code) REQUIRED - Use as many ICD10 codes a appropriate
Jennifer Sheridan	*Signature:Jennifer Sheridan
Please Print Name) Pathologist	NYS Licensed Speech
MEDICAID PROVIDER Number: 0.00	3654799
DATE: 09/01/2021	
LICENSE NUMBER: 09127495	NPI NUMBER: 1285942367 SIGNED: 9/1/2021

EXAMPLES OF SIGNATURE ISSUES

1. Doctor's stamp was stamped over the ordering provider's signature.



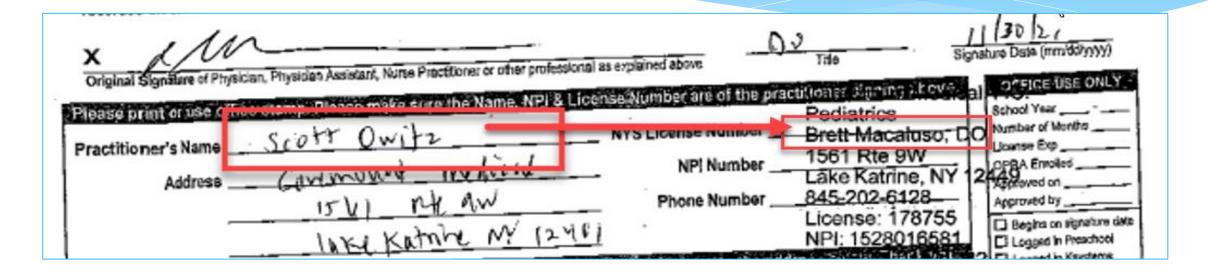
2. CFY & SLP both signed Rx.

(Please Print Name)	*Signature: NYS Licensed Speech Pathologist
**Title: Speech Pathologist	**DATE <u>: 09/23/19</u>
**ADDRESS:	
**PHONE NUMBER:	
**LICENSE NUMBER:	**NPI NUMBER: PROVIDER #
, MS. CCC-SLP	Signature

3. Doctor did not sign or date the prescription.

Phone Number: License # (REQUIRED) NPI # (REQUIRED) Medicaid Provider # (REQUIRED)	Sistant/Nurse Practitioner Information Joseph P. Addabto Family Health Center 1288 Central Avenue Far Rodamay, NY 11691 ph: 718-945-7150 Fax: \$66-288-9143
nature of Physician's Assist t be hand written signature: STAMPED	ant (P.A.)/Nurse Practitioner Date Signed SIGNATURE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

EXAMPLES OF SIGNATURE ISSUES



The signature of this prescription, does not match the practitioner's name. The signature, NPI and License #s also do not match the Practitioner's name. In this example, Scott Owitz is a licensed Nurse Practitioner and as such can sign prescriptions. Either the doctor or the nurse practitioner should have signed the prescription. The credentials, practitioner name and signature must all match. This prescription was not valid for Medicaid purposes.

EXAMPLES OF ISSUES FOR THE SIGNATURE DATE

This prescription was <u>signed</u> by the ordering practitioner, but the prescription was **not** dated.

This prescription does not meet Medicaid requirements.

	,	Pe	eriod of Service	
	S	School year	07/01/2074 - 06/30/2027	
child named above n accordance with the	e is recon e Individu	nmended for alized Educa	r the following service(s). Servicetion Program designed by the Comm	es when provided wil
Note: Please	provide a	an ICD-10 c	code for each service selected	
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	OT		Code	
	PT	ICD-10 C		
. 4	Speech	ICD-10 C	Code F80.2	
.	Psy Co*	ICD-10 C	Code	
	NU**		Code	
*Psy Co = Psycho **NU= nursing se	rvices (In add	dition to the pre	escription, a specific Dr.'s order with detailed	ed instructions is required
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EXAMPLES OF ISSUES FOR THE SIGNATURE DATE

1. Doctor's stamp was stamped over the signature date

Name: Denise Tavence	Happy and Healthy Pediatr
Address:	Elissa Rubin, MD, FAAP, IBCLC, RLC
	Deborah Saunders, MD, FAAP, FSAHM
Phone Number:	Sheeba Johnson, MD, FAAP, BCLC, RLC
License # (REQUIRED) 251728	Alyssa Nastro, MD, FAAP, IBCLC, RLC
NPI # (REQUIRED) 1391,404371	Rachael Bileflo, DU, HAAP
Medicaid Provider # (REQUIRED)	Denise Ti varia, MD PAAP 77 Jericho Tpke. te. 175 Mineola, NY 1150

2. Signature Date Missing

Psychological Evaluation and/or Psychological Counseling can have ICD9 Co	de <u>OR</u> Reason/Need: all others need IC109
Mars Dereciaeller	Date:
Original Signature of Physician, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practi	tioner or other professional explained above.

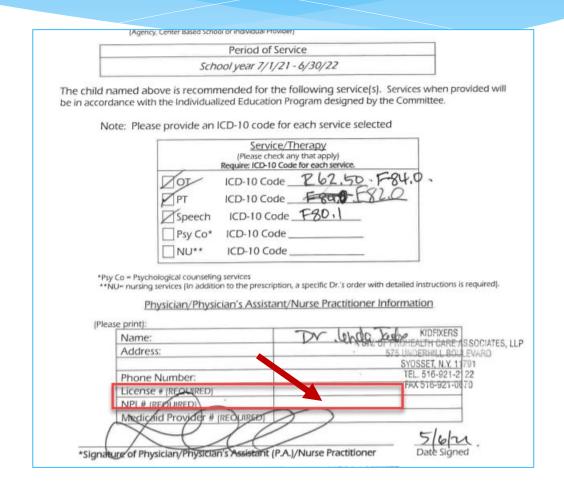
EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR NPI / LICENSE #s



Date of Birth: 9/3/17						
Provider: Kidz Therapy Services, PLLC (Agency, Centerbased Program or Individual Provider)						
District: Period of Service: School Year: July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022						
□ EVALUATION						
Reason for Evaluation: REQUIRED - Use official ICD-10 code for all Evaluations. Use as many ICD 10 codes as appropriate or describe the Presenting Problem if no diagnosis exists at time of evaluation.						
X SERVICES: F80. Z REQUIRED - Use official ICD-10 code for all services. Use as many ICD 10 codes as appropriate.						
** Jud Mahoney, MA, CCC-SLP *Signature: July Makery HACCC-SCP (Please trint Name) NYS Licensed Speech Pathologist						
**Title: Speech-Language Pathologist						
**ADDRESS						
**PHONE NUMBER						
**LICENSE NUMBER: 031178 **NPI NUMBER: 1750427258 **MEDICAID PROVIDER:						

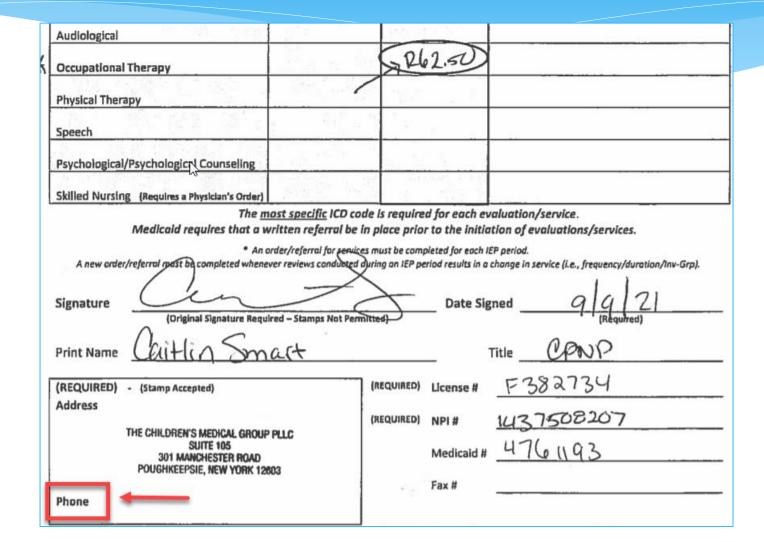
EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR NPI / LICENSE #s

This prescription does not have either the NPI # or License # for the ordering practitioner. As a result, this prescription was deemed invalid for Medicaid purposes.



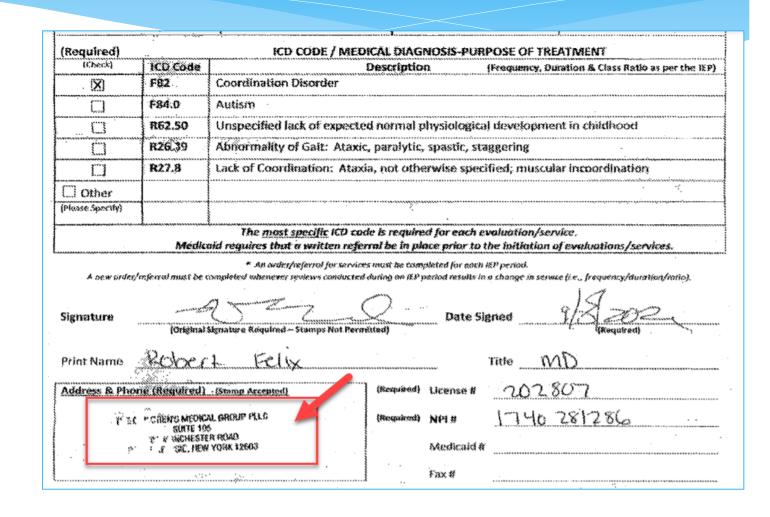
EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR ORDERING PRACTITIONER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

This prescription is missing the phone number of the ordering practitioner, which is required.



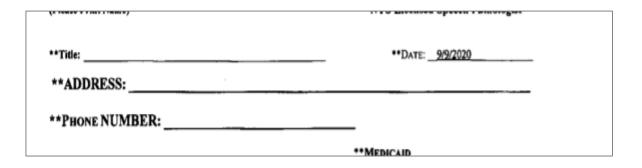
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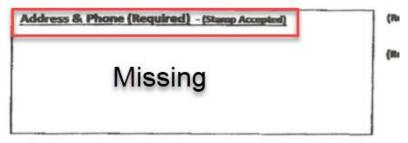
This prescription has the doctor's contact information, but it is unreadable.



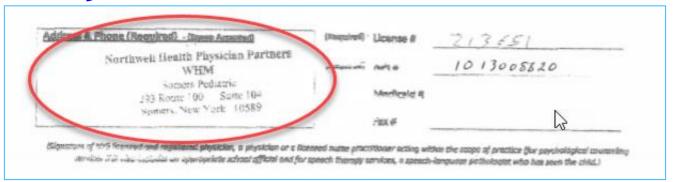
EXAMPLES OF RX ISSUES FOR ORDERING PRACTITIONER'S CONTACT INFORMATION

1. & 2. Ordering practitioner's contact information is missing.





3. Unreadable Contact Information



4. Phone # Missing

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY REFER Doctor/Practitioner name: Vandana Bacon
Doctor Address: THE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL GROUP 104 FULTON AVENUE Doctor phone number: POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK 12603
Doctor NPI #: 135 66 5 74 98 License #: 26 4564

QUESTIONS

Questions??

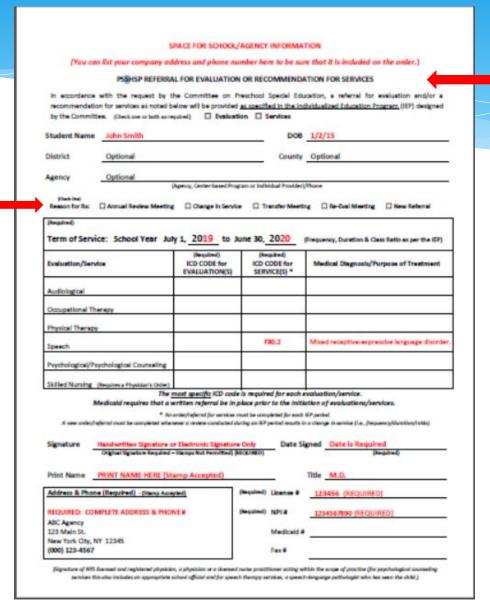
PRESCRIPTION TEMPLATES

- ☐ Best practice for all related service providers would be to use the "most recent" prescription template available from the County or James McGuinness and Associates.
- At the start of each annual review season, check with your county representative to ensure that you are using the most up-to-date written order template. Most counties update their written order template on an annual basis and can usually be found on the county's website.
- ☐ A customizable Medicaid-Compliant Written Order template can also be found in the CPSE Portal Knowledge Base as well as the "Sample Medicaid-Compliant Written Order" shown during this presentation.

SAMPLE OF A MEDICAID-COMPLIANT WRITTEN ORDER

This order template has a place to check the purpose of the order. There are five check boxes here, which are the primary reasons to generate a new order.

- 1. Annual Review
- 2. Change in Service
- 3. Transfer Meeting
- 4. Re-Eval Meeting
- 5. New Referral



Use the top section of this template to add your agency/school name, address and phone number.

If all the "required" fields (in red) are completed correctly in this template, you will have met all the requirements for a Medicaid-compliant written order.

A copy of this sample order has been posted to the Knowledge Base.

PRE-FILL THE PRESCRIPTION TEMPLATE

When you fax a child's Rx to the doctor, prefill certain fields on the Rx to ensure that they are completed correctly.

- ☐ Name & DOB
- District & County (optional)
- □ Term of Service (best practice $\frac{7}{1/21} \frac{6}{30/22}$)

*SLPs will be completing a digital speech recommendation ion the Portal.

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recommendation	for services as noted b			cation, a referral for evaluation and/or lividualized Education Program (IEP) designe				
by the Committee	e. (Check one or both as re	quired.) Evaluati	on 🗌 Services					
Student Name	Jane Doe		DOB	9/1/17				
District	Albany		County	Albany				
Agency								
	(Nam	e of Agency, Center-based P	rogram or Individual Provi	der / Phone)				
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(REQUIRED) (REQUIRED)								
Evaluation/Service	_	ICD CODE for	ICD CODE for	Medical Diagnosis/Purpose of Treatmen				

Getting a Medicaid-Compliant Rx from a doctor is challenging! (Replacement Prescriptions)

Suggestion for Obtaining a Medicaid-Compliant Replacement Prescription:

- 1. Print out the <u>invalid</u> prescription from the Portal and note the reason (on the invalid Rx) that the prescription does not meet Medicaid requirements. (e.g., practitioner's contact information was missing).
- 2. Complete a new prescription (on a Medicaid-compliant template) and include the missing or illegible information. (e.g., If the doctor's contact information was missing or not readable, include that information on the replacement prescription.)
- 3. Prepare a fax cover sheet that explains that you need a Medicaid-compliant prescription and that you are transmitting the previous (non-compliant prescription) along with the new (Medicaid-compliant) prescription and requesting that the doctor sign and date the replacement prescription. The prescription will have a <u>subsequent signature date</u>.

PRESCRIPTIONS

(Recommended Replacement Prescription Process)

1) Non-Compliant Rx - Contact Info Missing



2) Replacement Rx - w/ Contact Info Filled In

Student Name				γ	DOB	
Student Name					DOB	
District					County	
Agency				L		J
	(Name	of Agency, Cent	er-based F	rogram or	Individual Prov	ider / Phone)
(Check One) Reason for Rx:	Annual Review Meeting	☐ Change i	in Service	е 🛭 Ті	ansfer Meeti	ng □ Re-Eval Meeting □ New Referral
(REQUIRED)			[
Term of Service:	School Year July					(Frequency, Duration & Class Ratio as per the IEP
	(Please type in the last	two digits of the (Required			YYYY.) QUIRED)	I
Evaluation/Service		ICD CODE	for	ICD (ODE for VICE(S) *	Medical Diagnosis/Purpose of Treatment
Audiological						
Occupational Thera	ру			F82		
Physical Therapy			F82		-	
Speech						
Psychological/Psych	nological Counseling					
Skilled Nursing (Rec	quires a Physician's Order)					
Med						valuation/service. iation of evaluations/services.
		rder/referral for				
A new order/referral						change in service (i.e., frequency/duration/class size).
Signature					Date Si	
Signature	(Original Signature Requi	red – Stamps No	t Permitte	d)	Date 31	(Required)
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Print Name					30	ıbsequent Signature I
Address & Phone	(REQUIRED) - (Star	np Accepted)	(R	EQUIRED)	License #	160924
Stony Brook Advance						
260 Middle Country			(R	EQUIRED)	NPI#	1376625954
Smithtown, NY 117 (631) 265-7518	87	A.A.			Medicaid #	# 01033967
(001) 502-1219			<u> </u>		iviedicald #	+ ntnooap\

3) Fax Coversheet - w/ both Rxs

		SAMPLE FAX	MESSAG	βE					
	то	Community Care Pediatrics	Phone #	555-555-5555					
	Agency School District	ency							
	DATE	00/00/00	# of Pages						
	FROM Amazing Kids Agency								
	SUBJECT Replacement Prescription Required for Child Name?								
<u>†</u>	The prescription that we recently received from your office for the child noted above								
	not Medicaid complaint, which is required for all County health-related services.								
	I am transmitting to you the original (non-compliant Medicaid) prescription that you signed on <u>Date?</u> along with a replacement prescription (that now includes all the required Medicaid information) for your signature and signature date.								
	Please fax the si	gned replacement prescription	to: Fax#	<u>.</u>					
	If you require ac	lditional information, I can be r	eached at <u>phone i</u>	number?					
	Thank you.								

How can you service the child with a prescription that is not compliant with Medicaid?

- ☐ The **prescription requirements** for **servicing/treating** the child are much less than the requirements for a Medicaid prescription.
- □ In most cases, the service provider should be able to continue servicing the child while waiting for a replacement Medicaid prescription.

Unless the prescription has not been signed and/or dated by the ordering practitioner, the child's treatment can continue with a non-compliant Medicaid prescription.

WHEN IS A NEW ORDER REQUIRED?

Page 22 Medicaid Handbook – Medicaid Q & A #92 & 93

- ☐ A new written order/referral for services must be completed for:
 - ✓ <u>Newly-identified</u> students,
 - ✓ Each <u>IEP period</u>, (If summer services are not included on the same IEP with the winter services, a separate written order is required for each session even if the frequency/duration are the same.)
 - ✓ Whenever reviews are conducted during an IEP period that results in a <u>change of service</u>, (including a decrease in service)
 - ✓ The child moves to another school district and a <u>new IEP is generated</u>.
 - (* Annual Review/Re-Eval Meeting * Change in Service * Transfer Meeting * New Referral)
- ☐ An order that references the frequency/duration by explicit reference to the IEP, "As per IEP," does not apply once the IEP changes. A new written order is required if any of the circumstances listed above occur.

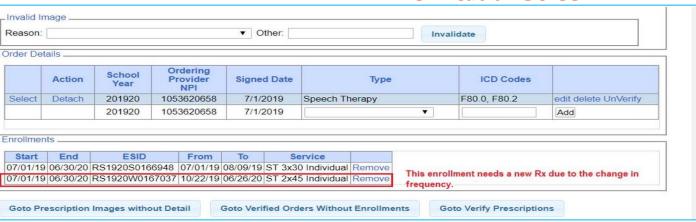
LIFE OF A WRITTEN ORDER

□ Shown below is a script dated 7/1/19, which covers the summer enrollment, 7/1/19 to 8/9/19. The enrollment beginning 10/22/19 (change in service) requires a new prescription. Why? New session/new frequency/duration and new IEP.

1 - Enrollment Screen

Status	School Year	From	То	ESID	Provider	Enrollment	CB Program	Service	Frequency	
	2019 - 2020 Winter	11/12/2019	6/26/2020	SE1920W0029824		SEIT			5x60	I
	2019 - 2020 Winter	10/22/2019	6/26/2020	RS1920W0167037		RS		ST	2x45	1
	2019 - 2020 Summer	7/1/2019	8/9/2019	RS1920S0166948		RS		ST	3x30	I
						·				

2 - Verification Screen



3 - Prescription

Student Name:					
Date of Birth:					
Provider:C	orinthian Therapy Ma (Agency, Center based Pro	nagement Services, Ingram or Individual Provider)	nc.		
District:	Westbury				
Period of Service:	School Year: Ju	dy 1, 2019 thru Ju	me 30, 2020		
☐ EVALUATION					
	fficial ICD-10 code for be the Presenting Pro				
SERVICES: REQUIRED - Use of	F80.0, F80.		many ICD 10 cod	les as appropriate	;.
Debra R. Levy-Salo (Please Print Name)	mon	*Signature:	Officensed Speech	Patterlogist	Lake
ech Langu	age Pathologist	**DATE: 7	11/19		
**ADDRESS: 141	5 HOLIDAY PARK DR	LIVE WANTAGII, NY	11793		
**PHONE NUMBER:	516-884-7868		cover the first		
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(Medicaid Handbook - Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #33.)

What makes a written order invalid?

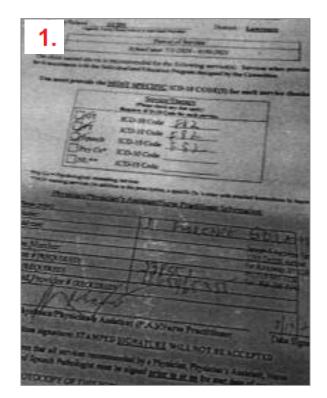
□ During the upload process, an incorrect Medicaid document (Consent form instead of a written order) or a document for a different child is uploaded.

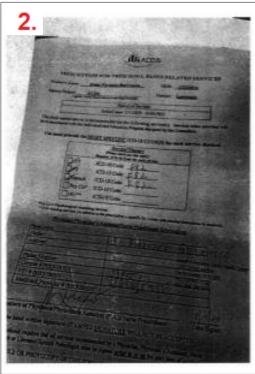
☐ A document was scanned, but is not readable due to lines and dark spots on the image, or some of the scanned document was cut off.

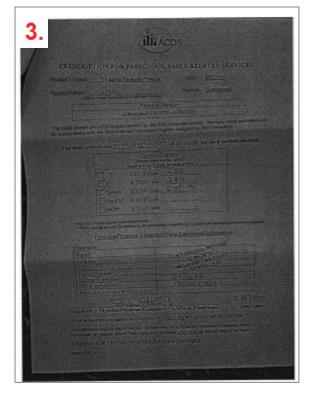
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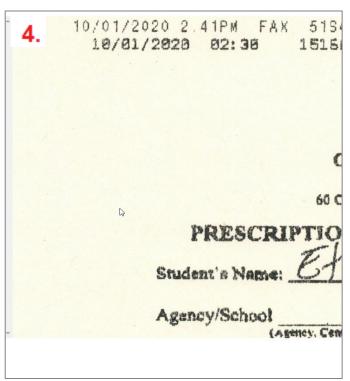
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EXAMPLES OF BAD SCANS









Corrections Made to Medicaid Documents

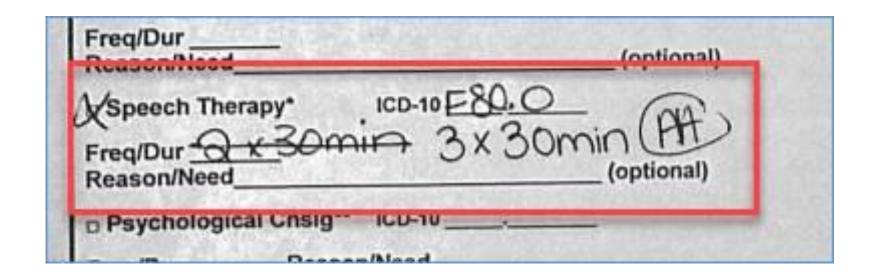
What is the acceptable way to make a correction on Medicaid documentation?

- □ If a written order needs correction, the ordering provider/practitioner must put a line through the error and initial the change. (i.e., material to be deleted (TF))
- ☐ White-out (or correction tape) is not permissible when making corrections on any Medicaid documentation.
- ☐ If corrections are not made in accordance with the Medicaid regulations, the document will be invalid for claiming.

(Citation: Slide 92)

Corrections Made to Medicaid Documents

Example of the Correct Way to make a change on a Medicaid Rx.



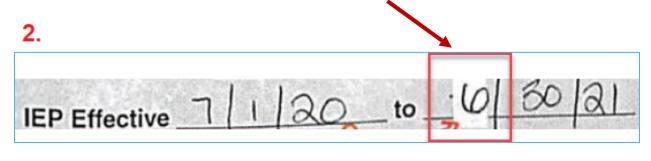
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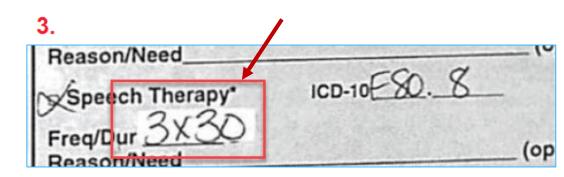
Incorrect Way to make a change on a Medicaid Rx.

White-Out or correction tape was used on these Rxs.

1.

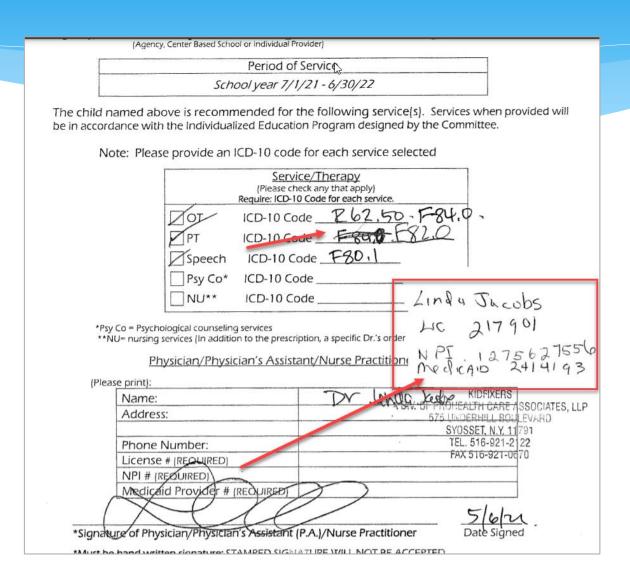
Period of Service: School Year: July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022





ALTERATIONS TO A PRESCRIPTION

This prescription was altered after it left the doctor's office. A replacement prescription was not requested. The provider simply added the missing Medicaid information, which invalidated the prescription.



ALTERATIONS TO A PRESCRIPTION

This prescription was also altered after it left the doctor's office.

The provider sent this prescription back to the provider, who changed the the ICD code and the purpose of treatment.

A replacement prescription should have been requested.

(REQUIRED) School Year: July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 (Services to be delivered as per the IEP			(Services to be delivered as per the IEP)	
	(Please enter the	digit years of the sch	pol year)	ļ
Evaluation/Service	(REQUIRED) ICD CODE for EVALUATION(S)	(REQUIRED) ICD CODE for SERVICE(S) *	Medical Diagnosis/Purpose of Treatment	
Audiological		R62.0	motor detay abnormal govern	
Occupational Therapy		P62 50	Developmental Delow	13/23
Physical Therapy		F82	fine motor Delay	
Speech		F80.9	Speech Delay	1
Psychological/Psychological Counseling				
Skilled Nursing (Requires a Physician's Order)				
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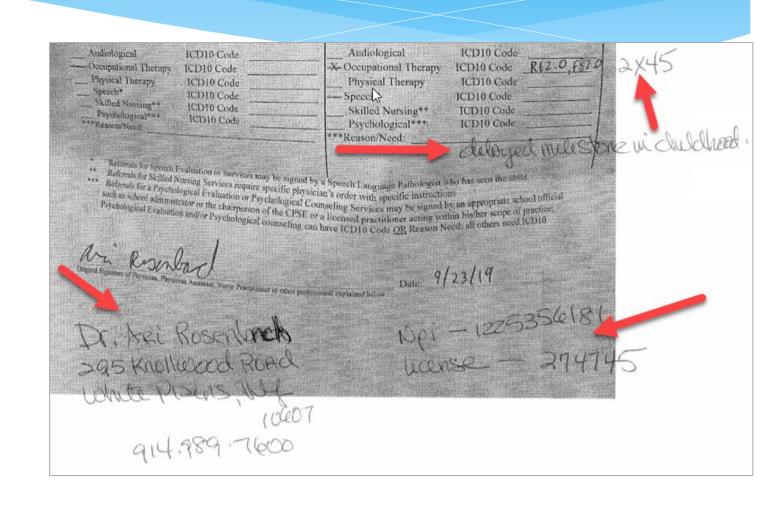
ALTERATIONS TO A PRESCRIPTION

Question #95 in the Medicaid Q&A states that an original prescription cannot be altered.

This prescription was altered by someone to include information that was not on the original prescription.

This is not permitted on a Medicaid prescription.

(Medicaid Handbook - Page 21 and Medicaid Q&A #133.)



REVIEW

Review Prescriptions Upon Receipt * What Should You Be Checking?

- □ As per Question #114 from the Medicaid Q&A, review all prescriptions for completeness (upon receipt).
- □ Review the prescription for readability (ensure that handwriting and/or stamps are legible).
- Ensure that stamps are not stamped over other pertinent information.
- □ Check the document to ensure that the scanned image is clear/readable and scanned in its entirety (nothing is cut off).

REVIEW

Prescriptions Upon Receipt * What Should You Be Checking?

- All eight required elements are filled in No blanks.
- Any corrections (if any) were made in accordance with Medicaid (no white-out).

 All eight required elements are expressed in accordance with Medicaid (complete dates, no stamped signatures, etc.)

QUESTIONS

Questions??

TRAINING TIMELINE

(Presentations are at 10:00 AM & 3:30 PM)

□1/18/23 – How to Complete a Speech Recommendation (for SLPs)

Effective 7/1/22 Sullivan County is requiring SLPs to use the digital option for all prescriptions.

□1/23/23 – Supervision (UDO/USO/Pre-License) – New Screen

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Follow-up

- ☐ This presentation will be recorded and the PowerPoint presentation will be uploaded to the Knowledge Base in the Portal for future reference.
 - Search for help in our Knowledge Base: http://support.cpseportal.com/Main/Default.aspx
 - Email: Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com
- Questions can be sent to the new Portal Medicaid mailbox: Medicaid@CPSEPortal.com
- Medicaid References:
 - Provider Policy & Billing Handbook http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/handbook/
 - Questions & Answers http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/q_and_a/q_and_a_combined_revised_12_9_16.pdf
- □ Clarification regarding Medicaid compliance and/or documentation can also be forwarded to **Deborah Frank**, dfrank@jmcguinness.com.

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WHAT ARE THE EIGHT REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF A MEDICAID PRESCRIPTION?

Per the Medicaid Provider Policy and Billing Handbook (Update 9) Page 21, www.oms.nysed.gov/Medicaid, there are eight (8) required elements on a written order.

- 1. Child's Name
- Term of Service
- Service(s) being ordered (OT/PT/ST).
 - The **frequency and duration** of the ordered service must be either **specified on the order** itself **OR**-
 - the order can explicitly adopt the frequency and duration of the service in the IEP reference
- **4. Patient diagnosis**/need for service(s)
- 5. **Signature** of the ordering practitioner
- 6. <u>Date</u> the order was written and signed
- 7. Ordering Practitioner's **NPI or license number**
- 8. Ordering Practitioner's Contact information with both address and phone number

2. TERM OF SERVICE Medicaid Q&A

Question #34

- a) What is the proper way to indicate the time frame for which the order is written, for example "9/8/10-6/28/11" or "2010-2011" school year?
 - <u>Answer</u>: The preferred format for dates is mm/dd/yyyy mm/dd/yyyy. The school year begins <u>July 1st</u> each year. A written order for services for the <u>2010-11 school</u> <u>year</u> would be valid for the time period <u>July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011</u>.
- b) If the written order says "2010-11 school year" and is dated 9/18/10, can the prescription be used for the summer of 2011 service, since the summer is within the 12-month validity?
 - Answer: No, because the "school year" ends on June 30, 2011." For services on or after July 1, 2011 another order would need to be written and in place before July 1, 2011.

2. TERM OF SERVICE Medicaid Q&A

□ Question 37 shown below from the Medicaid Q&A is more about the <u>signature date</u>, but does mention that **service dates need to be included on the written order**.

Question #37

If the physician/qualified practitioner does not date the order form, can it be used for the full IEP if it is received before services start?

Answer

No. A written order for services must include the **complete date** that the order was written and **be signed** by the appropriate practitioner and **include service dates**. [June 11, 2010]

3. FREQUENCY & DURATION OF SERVICE Medicaid Q & A

Question #33

Can/should frequency of services be included in the written order?

Answer

All written orders/referrals completed on and after 1/1/2013 must either include the frequency and duration of the service to be furnished or must adopt – by explicit reference to the IEP – the frequency and duration of the ordered service in the IEP. [December 10, 2012] (Slide #86)

4. Patient Diagnosis / Reason-Need for Service(s) Medicaid Q & A

Question #157

Regarding the <u>diagnosis and/or the reason/need</u> on written orders/referrals for Medicaid reimbursable related services, is a diagnosis of <u>developmental delay acceptable</u>? What about a diagnosis of <u>preschooler with a disability</u>?

Answer

A diagnosis that can be assigned an ICD-9 code is acceptable for Medicaid reimbursement purposes (315.9 unspecified delay in development). A generic diagnosis, such as preschooler with a disability, does not provide sufficient specificity about the student's medical needs and there is no corresponding ICD-9 code and is therefore, not acceptable for Medicaid reimbursement purposes...

5. SIGNATURE OF THE ORDERING PRACTITIONER Medicaid Handbook, Page 21

- □ Signature* of a NYS Medicaid enrolled provider who is a NYS licensed, registered, and/or certified, as relevant, physician, physician assistant, or licensed nurse practitioner acting within his or her scope of practice, and
 - Only for speech therapy services this also includes a NYS Medicaid enrolled provider who is a licensed and registered speech-language pathologist...

* Please note that <u>stamped signatures</u> are not allowable. (This includes a scanned image of a signature or font substitutions.)

Electronic signatures affixed by someone other than the actual ordering/referring practitioner are also not allowable.

ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES Medicaid Q & A

Question # 129

☐ Are electronic signatures acceptable?

Answer

Yes, electronic signatures are acceptable if adequate security is in place and confidentiality is maintained. The use of an electronic signature has the same validity as a signature affixed by hand. However, providers must be prepared to authenticate or prove that the record was electronically signed by the person authorized to sign the record. Electronic signatures affixed by someone other than the actual practitioner are not allowable. An exception to this rule would apply where the applicable statute or regulation specifically requires a hand-written signature. The provider's electronic medical record must have control features, such as pass codes for electronic signatures. [June 6, 2011]

6. DATE THE ORDER WAS WRITTEN & SIGNED Medicaid Q & A

Question #37

If the physician/qualified practitioner does not date the order form, can it be used for the full IEP if it is received before services start?

Answer

No. A written order for **services must include the <u>complete date</u>** that the order was written and be signed by the appropriate practitioner **and include service dates**. [June 11, 2010]

Question #38

a) Can receipt of a written order be established by a faxed date or a stamped in date by the school district/county §4201 school?

Answer: A date stamp or faxed date recorded by the school district/county **is not acceptable**. The written order must be dated and signed by the practitioner...

b) Is a practitioner's stamped signature acceptable?

<u>Answer</u>: The use of a signature stamp or the signature of an administrator on written orders for services <u>is not acceptable</u>. The practitioner must sign the prescription order. [June 11, 2010]

7. ORDERING PRACTITIONER'S NPI OR LICENSE # Medicaid Handbook, Page 21 & Medicaid Q & A

From the Medicaid Provider & Billing Handbook, Page 21

☐ The ordering practitioner's National Provider Identifier (NPI) - - OR - - license number must be included on a written order.

From the Medicaid Q & A – Question #114

□ Is there anything a school district, county or §4201 school do if SY 2009-2010 prescriptions did not have the ordering practitioner's NPI number or contact information?

Answer: If the physician or other ordering practitioner did not provide the license number or contact information, you must obtain another original. In addition, the complete written order, with the license or NPI number, must be in place prior to delivering services for which Medicaid reimbursement will be sought. It is recommended that the written orders received by school districts, county or §4201 schools for SSHSP services be monitored for completeness and that any necessary replacement documentation is requested as soon as possible.

8. ORDERING PRACTITIONER'S CONTACT INFORMATION Medicaid Handbook, Page 21

From the Medicaid Provider & Billing Handbook, Page 21

Ordering provider's contact information (office stamp or preprinted <u>address</u> and <u>telephone</u> <u>number</u>) <u>must be included on the order</u>.

From the Medicaid Q & A – Question #114

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WHEN IS A NEW ORDER REQUIRED? Medicaid Handbook, Page 22

From the Medicaid Provider & Billing Handbook, Page 22 – Life of a Written Order/Referral

A written order/referral is required for Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary services included in the IEP. The written order/referral for services(s) must be obtained whenever there is a change to a medically necessary service being furnished to a student pursuant to the student pursuant to the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP). This includes but is not limited to **changes to the frequency or duration for the service(s)**, if the service changes from **individual to/from group**, and when the **annual review is completed** and the student's next IEP is developed.

There must be a valid written order/referral annually or whenever there is a **change in the services** when Medicaid is being billed.

When a student with an IEP transfers from one district to another the new home district may adopt the student's IEP from the prior district – for continuity of services – until they have an opportunity to hold a CSE meeting and develop a new IEP.

WHEN IS A NEW ORDER REQUIRED? From the Medicaid Q & A

From the Medicaid Q & A – Question # 92

□ If there is a change made to an IEP (service change) then is a new referral (or order) that covers that service type is required?

Answer - Yes.

A written order/referral must be completed for each additional type of service or change to an existing service, to be Medicaid reimbursable.

IF ONE SERVICE CHANGES ON THE IEP, IS A NEW ORDER REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES? NO.

From the Medicaid Q & A

Question *#* 158

If speech therapy is changing from **3x30**/week to **2x30**/week, but physical therapy is remaining the same, do we need to get new orders/referrals for both services? Or just the one that is changing?

Answer

A new written referral for speech therapy will be needed if speech therapy is being changed for the remainder of the IEP.

If the physical therapy services will not be changed for the remainder of the IEP then there is no need for a new written order for that service. New written orders/referrals will be needed for each recommended service when a new IEP is developed. [December 5, 2011]

CORRECTIONS MADE TO MEDICAID DOCUMENTS Medicaid Q & A

Question # 133

□ If a session note is done in ink, may white-out be used to make a correction? Or should all errors be lined out and initialed?

Answer

White out is not permissible when making corrections in session notes or any medical record*. If a handwritten note must be corrected, the clinician must put a line through the material to be deleted from the record (JK) error and initial it. [June 6, 2011]

* Prescriptions are medical records.

ALTERING MEDICAID PRESCRIPTIONS Medicaid Q & A

Question # 95

□Can the old prescriptions received for 2009-2010 services, some of which may be 12-15 months old by this time, be returned to the physician with a request to annotate them to include the diagnosis code or treatment purpose without affecting the validity of the original prescription?

Answer

No. An original prescription cannot be altered [December 13, 2010]

ALTERING MEDICAID PRESCRIPTIONS Medicaid Q & A

Question # 96

□Can a statement signed and dated by the physician now, indicating the diagnosis or purpose of the treatment which was prescribed for the 2009-2010 school year on, for example 7/1/2009, be used as a supplement to the original prescription, allowing it to be used to meet the new prescription (written order/referral) requirements?

Answer

No. Written orders for services must be prospective. [December 13, 2010]