



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Coordinators
Special Education Directors

FROM: Vanesha Perrin
Director, Office of Medicaid Services (OMS)

DATE: April 30, 2024

RE: Medicaid Reimbursement for Evaluations and/or Reevaluations Completed by a Speech Language Pathologist- Intern (SLP-I)/SLP- Clinical Fellow (SLP-CF)

School districts may seek reimbursement from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) for an evaluation and/or reevaluation completed by a SLP-I/SLP-CF. When an evaluation or reevaluation is completed by a SLP-I/SLP-CF, the document must be co-signed by the supervising Speech Language Pathologist (SLP). Please ensure that the evaluation and/or reevaluation meets all Medicaid documentation requirements.

Currently, page 16 of the Local Education Agencies (LEA) Provider Manual continues to state, "A speech evaluation is a face-to-face interaction between the speech-language pathologist and the child for the purpose of evaluating the child's dysfunction and determining the existence of a speech disorder." Additionally, page 17 of the LEA Provider Manual continues to state, "Speech reevaluation includes a face-to-face interaction between the speech-language pathologist or therapist and the child for the purpose of evaluating the child's progress and determining whether there is a need to continue therapy." The SCDHHS will be editing the current policy language to address and increase clarity regarding service provisions of a SLP-I/SLP-CF. School districts will be notified when changes to the LEA Provider Manual have been made.