

U-210 General Limitations and Considerations on Covered Medical Diagnostic and Treatment Services

Covered services are face-to-face, health-related services provided to a student, group of students, or parent/guardian on behalf of the student. Consultations (excluding IEP/IFSP meetings) must include the student or parent/guardian on behalf of the student to be claimable. Covered services are listed in Illinois' State Medicaid Plan and are medically necessary for the development of the IEP/IFSP or fully documented in the IEP/IFSP.

Covered services are subject to Medicaid requirements for coverage of services, including prior authorization. The prior authorization requirement is met by including the frequency, duration, scope, and medical necessity of each covered service in the IEP/IFSP.

Covered services claimed, but not fully documented, are subject to recoupment of the reimbursement paid. Refer to Section U-205 for record requirements.

Reimbursement by the department is limited to the federal financial participation for eligible expenditures incurred by the LEA. Reimbursement will be made at the regular Federal Medical Assistance Percentage. Claiming for services provided by federally funded personnel is not permitted.

U-210.1 Audiology Services

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Service Description

Audiology services necessary for the development of the student's IEP/IFSP or documented in the IEP/IFSP include, but are not limited to:

- Evaluations, tests, tasks, and interviews to identify hearing loss in a student whose auditory sensitivity and acuity are so deficient as to interfere with normal functioning
- Auditory training and speech reading
- Counseling and guidance regarding hearing loss
- Determining the need for group and individual amplification
- Providing for selection and fitting of hearing aids
- Evaluating the effectiveness of amplification

A referral by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of his or her practice under law is required for audiology services. The referral must be updated annually and be maintained in the student's health record.

Professional Qualifications

Master's degree in audiology and licensure by the Illinois Department of Financial

and Professional Regulation or Master's degree in audiology and Certificate of Clinical Competence in audiology.

Refer to Appendix U-2 for the appropriate procedure codes to use for submitting claims.

U-210.2 Developmental Assessments

Service Description

Determining a student's level of needed service by utilizing recognized assessment tools including, but not limited to:

- Vision assessments - students may be assessed once a year at age appropriate intervals unless additional screenings are medically necessary.
- Hearing assessments – children may be assessed at age appropriate intervals. After the initial screening, all children may be assessed once a year unless additional screenings are medically necessary.
- Developmental assessments may be given at age appropriate intervals.

Professional Qualifications

Non-physician personnel administering vision, hearing, or developmental assessments to preschool and school age children should be appropriately trained to provide the assessment. Certification by the Illinois Department of Public Health for vision and hearing assessments should be completed, if possible.

Refer to Appendix U-2 for the appropriate procedure code(s) to use for submitting claims.

U-210.3 Medical Equipment

Service Description

Medical equipment, as specified in the student's IEP/IFSP, is durable equipment, such as wheelchairs, canes, walkers, etc. The equipment is for the exclusive use of the student and is the property of the student.

Claimable Services

Medically necessary equipment may be claimed up to a total of \$1000 per day. Equipment costing more than \$1000 must be obtained through a durable medical equipment provider enrolled with the department.

Refer to Appendix U-2 for the appropriate procedure code(s) for submitting claims.