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Coverage for Treatment of Dysphagia (CPT 92526)

Effective January 1, 2016, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) has added coverage of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 92526. The CPT defines code 92526 as: “treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding.” Enrolled speech and language pathologists (SLPs), physicians, and qualified non-physician practitioners (NPP) will be allowed to bill using this code for dates of service on or after January 1, 2016, when the service is performed in an outpatient hospital setting.

Requirements and Limitations

Services performed under CPT code 92526 are limited to one (1) service unit per day. This service can be performed in an outpatient setting only by qualified SLPs, physicians, and NPPs. CPT code 92526 cannot be billed with any other dysphagia therapy treatment codes on the same date of service, as this code is a comprehensive code that includes multiple aspects of dysphagia treatment.

Speech therapy services are limited to children under the age of 21. The participant *must* be eligible for MO HealthNet coverage for each date of service in order for reimbursement to be made to the provider.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the MO HealthNet card or by calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

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573-751-2896**