



- TO:** Speech and Language Pathologists, Outpatient Hospitals, Outpatient Chronic Disease Hospitals, and Rehabilitation Clinics
- RE:** CMAP COVID-19 RESPONSE - Bulletin 42: Clarifying Guidance for Speech and Language Pathology Telemedicine Services Stated in PB 2020-23 and 2020-24

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is clarifying the guidance stated in the following Provider Bulletins (PB) to specify that speech and language pathology evaluations **are** an allowable telemedicine service:

- **PB 2020-23** *CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 8: Emergency Temporary Telemedicine Coverage for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy & Speech Therapy Services*
- **PB 2020-24** *CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 9: Emergency Temporary Telemedicine Coverage for Specified Therapy Services Rendered at Rehabilitation Clinics.*

As stated in PB 2020-23 and PB 2020-24, effective for dates of service March 20, 2020 until DSS has notified providers in writing that the state has deemed COVID-19 no longer to be a public health emergency, the following Speech & Language Pathology (SLP) services may be rendered via telemedicine:

- **92507** - Treatment of speech, language, voice, comm., and/or hearing processing disorder
- **92521** – Evaluation of speech fluency
- **92522** - Evaluation of speech sound production
- **92523** - Evaluation of speech sound production w/ evaluation of language comprehension and expression

Outpatient Hospitals & Outpatient Chronic Disease Hospitals:

During the Temporary Effective Period, DSS is adding Revenue Center Code (RCC) 444 – SLP Evaluation and Re-evaluation as an allowable

telemedicine service. RCC 444 must be billed with an applicable procedure code also approved to be rendered via telemedicine.

This provider bulletin does not update or clarify any other guidance provided in PB 2020-23 and PB 2020-24.

Accessing the Fee Schedule:

Updated fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by going to the Connecticut Medical Assistance (CMAP) Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this Web page, go to “Provider”, then to “Provider Fee Schedule Download”, then to the applicable fee schedule. To access the CSV file, press the control key while clicking the CSV link, then select “Open”.

Accessing CMAP Addendum B:

CMAP’s Addendum B can be accessed via the www.ctdssmap.com Web site by selecting the “Hospital Modernization” Web page. CMAP’s Addendum B (Excel) is located under “Important Messages – Connecticut Hospital Modernization”.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.