



Texas Medicaid Provider Procedure Manual School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

SHARS is a Medicaid service. SHARS allows local school districts or shared services arrangements to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services included in the student's IEP. SHARS providers are reimbursed the federal share of the payment when services are provided to students who meet all of the following requirements:

- Are Medicaid eligible and under 21 years of age
- Meet eligibility requirements for special education
- Have IEPs that prescribe the needed services

3.3.1 Audiology

Audiology services must be provided by a professional who holds a valid state license as an audiologist or by an audiology assistant who is licensed by the state when the assistant is acting under the supervision of a qualified audiologist. State licensure requirements are equal to American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) certification requirements.

Audiology Evaluation services include:

- Identification of children with hearing loss.
- Determination of the range, nature, and degree of hearing loss, including the referral for medical or other professional attention for the habilitation of hearing.
- Determination of the child's need for group and individual amplification.

Audiology evaluation is billable on an individual basis only. Audiology evaluation is limited to a combined maximum total of twelve units in a 30-day period. Session notes for evaluations are not required; however, documentation must include the billable start time, billable stop time, and total billable minutes with a notation as the activity performed (i.e. Audiology evaluation).

Audiology therapy services include:

- Provision of habilitation activities, such as language habilitation, auditory training, audiological maintenance, speech reading (lip reading), and speech conversation.

Audiology therapy is billable on an individual and group basis. Only the time spent with the student present is billable; time spent without the student present is not billable.

Session notes are required for therapy. Session notes must include the billable start time, billable stop time, total billable minutes, activity performed during the session, student observation, and the related IEP objective.

Providers must bill based on an increment of 15 minutes rounded per unit of service.

IMPORTANT: The recommended maximum billable time for evaluation is three hours, which may be billed over several days. The recommended maximum billable time for direct therapy (group and/or individual) is one hour per day. Providers must maintain documentation as the reasons for the additional time if more than the recommended maximum time is billed.