

New Definition of Individual Speech Therapy Encounter Effective September 1, 2017

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The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is changing the definition of an individual speech therapy *encounter*. This definition is a change from the initial definition posted in the article titled, "[Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy Benefits to Change for All Ages for Texas Medicaid September 1, 2017](#)," which was published on this website on June 30, 2017.

Effective September 1, 2017, the definition of an individual speech therapy *encounter* is as follows:

An encounter for speech therapy individual treatment is defined as face-to-face time with the patient and/or caregiver for a length of time compliant with nationally recognized professional speech-language pathology standards for a typical session.

The billing structure for individual speech therapy (ST) for the following treatment procedure codes will be payable per *encounter*. This billing structure change will impact all provider types.

Individual speech treatment is limited to one *encounter* per day per provider and only one of the following procedure codes will pay per day.

Individual Speech Therapy Treatment Procedure Codes

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For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.