



SHARS Matters Webinar Series

October 2023 – SHARS Speech Therapy & Audiology Updates

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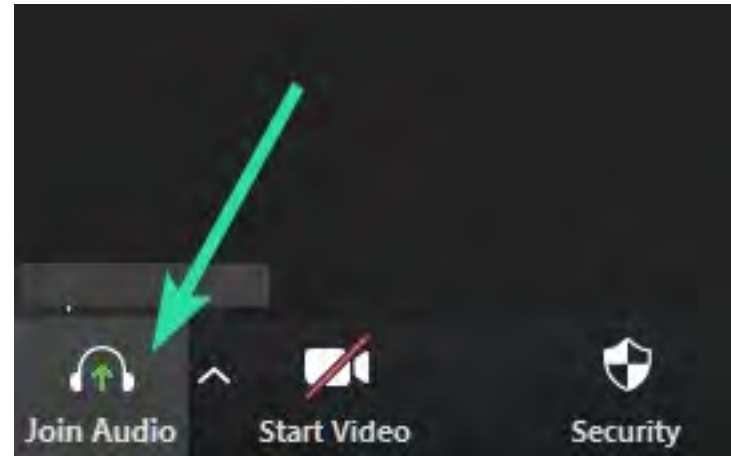
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SHARS Matters Webinar Series Schedule* (Season 3)

Date & Time	Webinar Topic & Registration Link
September 21, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	SHARS Updates
October 19, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	Provider Enrollment/Revalidation
November 16, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	Parental Consent
December 14, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	SHARS Billing
January 18, 2023 1-1:30 p.m. CST	SHARS Cost Report
February 15, 2023 1-1:30 p.m. CST	Strong IEP Documentation is Strong SHARS Documentation



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SHARS Speech Therapy & Audiology Referral Requirement

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SHARS Speech Therapy & Audiology Referral Requirement

[On August 13, 2021, Health and Human Services Commission \(HHSC\) issued a banner message stating that beginning October 1, 2021, a referral would be required for all Speech Therapy \(ST\) and Audiology services to receive SHARS reimbursement.](#) The referrals would need to be updated a minimum of one time every three calendar years. The banner message also stated that:

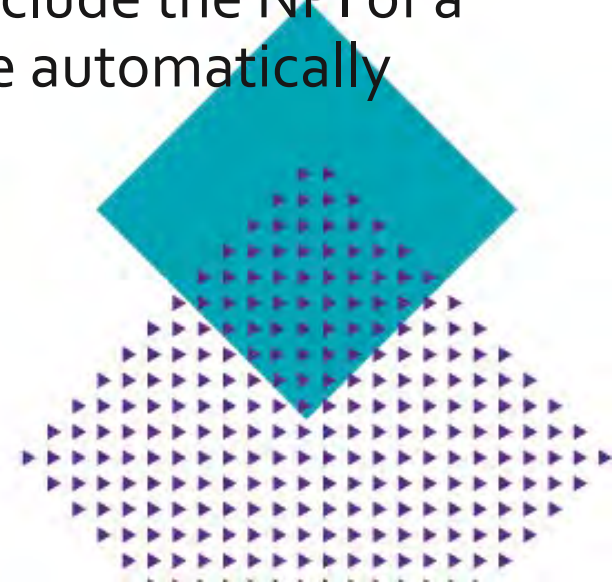
- A physician or another eligible referring provider must refer for ST and Audiology services.
- Referrals for ST or audiology services must be signed and dated within three calendar years before the initiation of services.
- The name and National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the referring licensed physician or another eligible referring provider must be listed on the claim and kept in the medical record for reimbursement of ST or Audiology services through SHARS.
- STs and audiologists whose evaluations serve as the referral must be enrolled in Medicaid as individual practitioners and must use their individual NPIs when submitting claims.



SHARS Speech Therapy & Audiology Referral Requirement



- [On September 14, 2021, HHSC announced a one-year grace period](#) for districts to come under compliance with the SHARS ST and Audiology referral requirement.
- Grace period: 11/1/2021 – 10/31/2022
- Beginning November 1, 2022, SHARS ST and Audiology claims that did not include the NPI of a qualified referring provider were automatically rejected.



Provider Enrollment Options

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Provider Enrollment Options

Individual (Performing) Provider

- Original enrollment option for SHARS SLPs
- Provider can bill for Medicaid services provided to Medicaid eligible clients
- Provider authorized to order, refer or prescribe Medicaid services for Medicaid clients
- Long, complicated application process
- Must bill to remain active
- Must revalidate every 5 years

Ordering, Referring, Prescribing (ORP) Provider

- Alternative option for SHARS SLPs approved 7/3/2023
- Provider authorized to order, refer or prescribe Medicaid services for Medicaid clients
- Short, simple application process
- Not required to bill to maintain eligibility
- Must revalidate every 5 years



Provider Enrollment Options

- [\(SHARS SLP\) Individual performing provider workaround to maintain active status without billing for services.](#)
- Effective July 3, 2023, School Health and Related Services [\(SHARS\) speech-language pathology \(SLP\) and audiology providers can enroll in the Provider Enrollment and Management System \(PEMS\) as an ordering, referring, or prescribing \(ORP\) provider.](#)



Provider Enrollment Options

- [Provider Enrollment Application Instructions for Individual SHARS \(SLP\) Providers](#)
- [Ordering & Referring Only Provider Enrollment Demo \(YouTube\)](#)
- Schedule a virtual walkthrough with TASB by emailing shars@tasb.org.



Section 504 Audiology Update

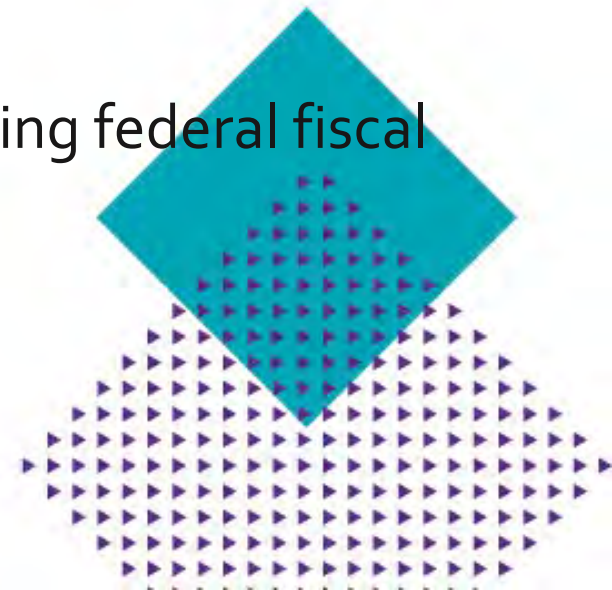
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Section 504 Audiology Update



- No change to service to date
- Implementation of audiology services provided under Section 504 plans for SHARS is still pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.
- Unlikely to be implemented during federal fiscal year 2024.



FFY 2024 Rates

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FFY 2024 Rates

Service Category	Description	Procedure Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Interim Rate
<u>Audiology</u>	Individual Therapy by Licensed Audiologist	92507	U9			\$ 41.97
	Individual Therapy by Licensed/Certified Assistant	92507	U1			\$ 41.97
	Group Therapy by Licensed Audiologist	92508	U9			\$ 13.99
	Group Therapy by Licensed/Certified Assistant	92508	U1			\$ 7.00
	Pure tone audiometry (IEP population)	92553	TM			\$ 32.28
	Pure tone audiometry (504 population)	92553	U4			\$ 32.28
	Speech audiometry (IEP population)	92556	TM			\$ 32.00
	Speech audiometry (504 population)	92556	U4			\$ 32.00
	Comprehensive audiometry (IEP population)	92557	TM			\$ 31.44
	Comprehensive audiometry (504 population)	92557	U4			\$ 31.44
	Hearing Aid Check; one ear (IEP population)	92592	TM			\$ 15.20
	Hearing Aid Check; one ear (504 population)	92592	U4			\$ 15.20
	Hearing Aid Check; both ears (IEP population)	92593	TM			\$ 22.80
	Hearing Aid Check; both ears (504 population)	92593	U4			\$ 22.80
	Audiology Evaluation (initial 60 minutes) (IEP population)	92620	TM			\$ 41.97
	Audiology Evaluation (initial 60 minutes) (504 population)	92620	U4			\$ 41.97
	Audiology Evaluation (each additional 15 minutes) (IEP population)	92621	TM			\$ 10.49
Audiology Evaluation (each additional 15 minutes) (504 population)	92621	U4			\$ 10.49	


Only change from FFY 2023 Rates



FFY 2024 Rates

Service Category	Description	Procedure Code	Modifier 1	Modifier 2	Modifier 3	Interim Rate
<u>Speech Therapy</u>	Speech Evaluation - Speech fluency	92521	GN			\$ 2.43
	Speech Evaluation - Speech fluency (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92521	GN	95		\$ 2.43
	Speech Evaluation - Sound production	92522	GN			\$ 2.43
	Speech Evaluation - Sound production (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92522	GN	95		\$ 2.43
	Speech evaluation - Sound production and language	92523	GN			\$ 9.71
	Speech evaluation - Sound production and language (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92523	GN	95		\$ 9.71
	Speech evaluation - Voice and resonance analysis	92524	GN			\$ 2.43
	Speech evaluation - Voice and resonance analysis (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92524	GN	95		\$ 2.43
	Individual Therapy by Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist	92507	GN	U8		\$ 38.83
	Individual Therapy by Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92507	GN	U8	95	\$ 38.83
	Individual Therapy by Licensed/Certified Assistant	92507	GN	U1		\$ 31.85
	Individual Therapy by Licensed/Certified Assistant (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92507	GN	U1	95	\$ 31.85
	Group Therapy by Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist	92508	GN	U8		\$ 6.47
	Group Therapy by Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92508	GN	U8	95	\$ 6.47
	Group Therapy by Licensed/Certified Assistant	92508	GN	U1		\$ 5.31
	Group Therapy by Licensed/Certified Assistant (Audiovisual Telehealth)	92508	GN	U1	95	\$ 5.31





FFY 2024 Rates

Speech and language services must be delivered by one of the following:

- A qualified SLP holding an unrestricted Texas state license to provide services independently
- A licensed SLP intern acting under the supervision and direction of a licensed SLP
- A licensed assistant in speech-language pathology acting under the supervision and direction of a licensed SLP

- Services must be documented within 7 days of the date of service to be billable
- Claims must be submitted within 365 days from the date of service, or no later than 95 days after the end of the federal fiscal year (FFY) (i.e., January 3), whichever comes first.
- Districts must submit at least one interim claim for each direct medical service that an eligible student receives within the cost report period.

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