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February 2025 – Speech Referrals / SLP Provider Enrollment

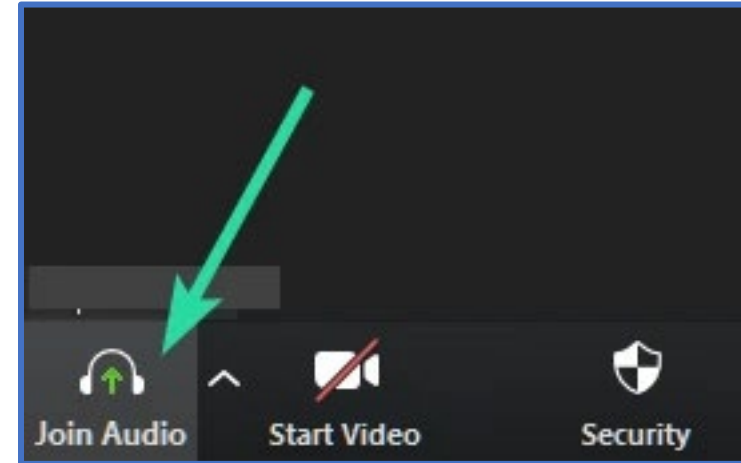
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SHARS Speech Therapy Referral Requirement

- [Updates to Interim Claiming and Cost Reporting Requirements for SHARS PT, OT, ST and Audiology Services](#) announced as TMHP Banner Message on 8/13/2021
- Effective October 1, 2021
- A referral is required for all ST and Audiology services to receive SHARS reimbursement. The referral must be updated a minimum of one time every three calendar years.
- A referral is a written document requesting evaluation for services (such as ST or Audiology) from the referring physician or other eligible referring provider.

SHARS Speech Therapy Referral Requirement

- 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 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 Referral Requirement

- [Update to "SHARS - Updates to Interim Claiming and Cost Reporting Requirements for SHARS PT, OT, ST, and Audiology Services"](#) published on 9/14/2021
- TMHP announced it would accept SHARS claims for PT, OT, ST, or audiology services for processing without a referring or prescribing provider NPI on the claim during a year-long grace period, through October 31, 2022.
- Beginning November 1, 2022, claims were rejected if the referring or prescribing provider NPI was not on the claim.



SLP Provider Enrollment

- Originally, Speech Language Pathologists (SLPs) could only enroll as Individual Performing Providers.
- Individual providers must bill regularly to avoid having their accounts inactivated.
 - This requirement is problematic for SHARS SLPs as all billing is done through the school district's NPI.
- Provider enrollment process is complicated and difficult to navigate for users that are not familiar with TMHP's enrollment system.

SLP Provider Enrollment

- Shortly after new policy became effective, TMHP launched a new enrollment system.
- SHARS SLPs were originally given little guidance on how to enroll in the new system
- TASB wrote the book on provider enrollment
 - Medicaid enrollment is a 2-part process
 - Must first obtain NPI from [NPPES](#)
 - Once NPI has been obtained, you can enroll in Texas Medicaid, using your unique NPI

SLP Provider Enrollment

- To enroll as an individual performing provider, SHARS SLPs must enroll as participants of the Acute Care – Comprehensive Care Program.
- All sections of the application are required, but there is no surety bond requirement or application fee.
- Provider concern that providing SSN and other personal information will impact provider tax returns, but per TMHP, since all billing is tied to district's NPI, there should be no impact to the individual's tax information



SLP Provider Enrollment

- [After 18 months of no billing activity, 6-month warning letters are issued to individual performing providers.](#)
- [Effective July 3, 2023, SHARS SLPs and audiology providers can enroll in Texas Medicaid as ordering, referring, or prescribing \(ORP\) providers.](#)
- Individual vs ORP
 - Individual provider type requires billing to remain active, application is long and complicated, takes longer to get approved, allows individual provider to bill for services and provide referrals
 - ORP provider type does not require billing, application is shorter and less confusing, takes less time to get approved, allows providers to issue referrals for SHARS purposes



SLP Provider Enrollment

- ORP application does not require completion of the following forms:
 - Services Provided
 - Accounting / Billing Information
 - Ownership / Controlling Interest
 - Application Fee
 - Attachments

SLP Provider Enrollment

Need assistance enrolling?

- [Schedule a provider enrollment walkthrough](#) with TASB.
- Schedule a walkthrough with TMHP Provider Enrollment at 800-925-9126, Option 3
- [TMHP Ordering and Referring Only Provider Enrollment Demo – YouTube Video](#)



Speech Referrals / SLP Provider Enrollment Reminders

- [Effective October 1, 2024, a speech evaluation that documents the medical necessity for speech therapy may serve as the referral.](#)
- Not every SLP needs to obtain an NPI and enroll in Texas Medicaid, only needed to provide a referral (or evaluation that serves as the referral)
- Obtaining an NPI is only half of the process. To be able to provide referrals you must also enroll in Texas Medicaid as an Individual SLP or as an ORP.
- Licensure information will need to be updated periodically to prevent inactivation.
- [SHARS ORP Overview Presentation](#)

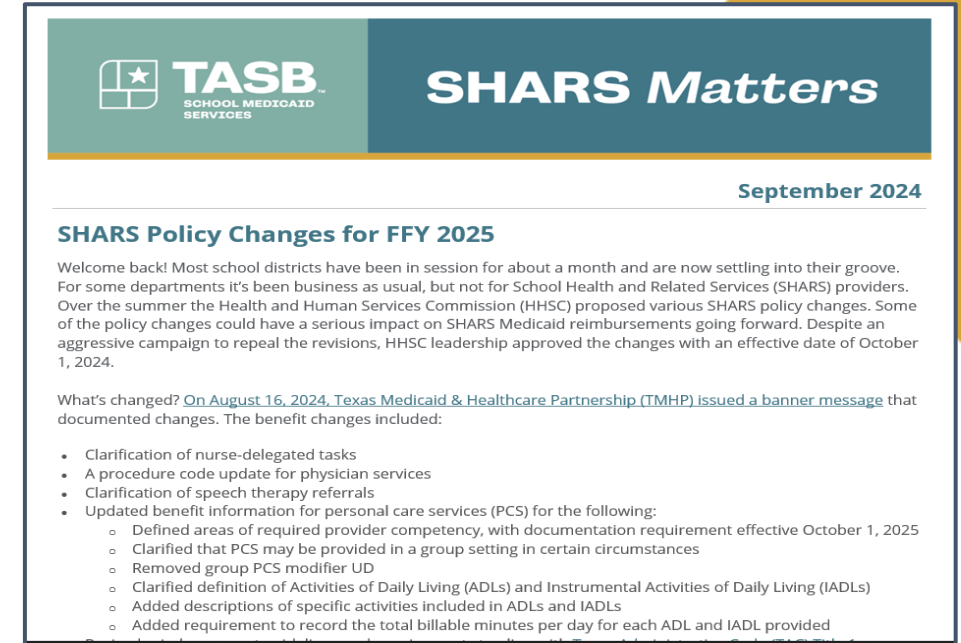


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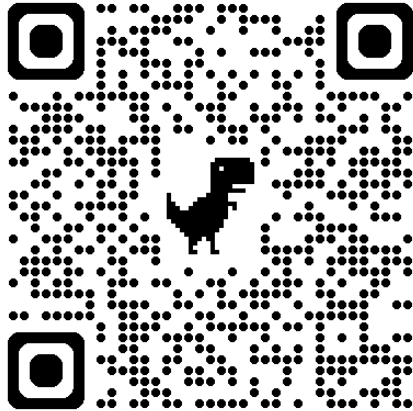


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