

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State Nebraska

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES

SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPEECH, HEARING, AND LANGUAGE DISORDERS
(PROVIDED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A SPEECH PATHOLOGIST OR
AUDIOLOGIST)

For dates of service on or after August 1, 1989, NMAP pays for services for individual with speech, hearing, and language disorders (provided by or under the supervision of a speech pathologist or audiologist) at the lower of:

1. The provider's submitted charge; or
2. The allowable amount for that procedure code in the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule in effect for that date of service. The allowable amount is indicated in the fee schedule as:
 - a. The unit value multiplied by the conversion factor;
 - b. The invoice cost (indicated as "IC" in the fee schedule);
 - c. The maximum allowable dollar amount; or
 - d. The reasonable charge for the procedure as determined by the Medicaid Division (indicated as "BR" - by report or "RNE" - rate not established - in the fee schedule).

The Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule is effective July 1 through June 30 of each year.

Revisions of the Fee Schedule: The Department reserves the right to adjust the fee schedule to:

1. Comply with changes in state or federal requirements;
2. Comply with changes in nationally-recognized coding systems, such as HCPCS and CPT;
3. Establish an initial allowable amount for a new procedure based on information that was not available when the fee schedule was established for the current year; and
4. Adjust the allowable amount when the Medicaid Division determines that the current allowable amount is:
 - a. Not appropriate for the service provided; or
 - b. Based on errors in data or calculation.

The Department may issue revisions of the Nebraska Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule during the year that it is effective. Providers will be notified of the revisions and their effective dates.

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Reimbursement rates for Medicaid-covered services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders (provided by or under the supervision of a speech pathologist or audiologist) provided students through the Nebraska Public School system shall be established on the basis of actual cost to school districts in the following areas, respectively:

1. Omaha Public School District;
2. Lincoln Public School District; and
3. All other public school districts (average aggregate cost).

The basis for actual costs shall be as outlined in OMB Circular A-87. The rates shall be based on reasonable and adequate costs associated with the services. These rates shall be established and updated annually based on the Department's review of the costs that are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. The State's annual review and update of these rates will consider cost information related to therapists' salaries and benefits; support materials and supplies; travel; and indirect costs.

Payment for Telehealth Services: Payment for telehealth services is set at the Medicaid rate for the comparable in-person service.

Payment for Telehealth Transmission Costs: Payment for telehealth transmission costs is set at the lower of: (1) the provider's submitted charge; or (2) the maximum allowable amount.

The Department reimburses transmission costs for line charges when directly related to a covered telehealth service. The transmission must be in compliance with the quality standards for real time, two way interactive audiovisual transmission as set forth in state regulations, as amended.

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