

Special Bulletin

For professional and facility providers in DE

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Speech Therapy Mandate: Claims Processing Systems Now Fully Updated

Effective Jan. 1, 2025, the Delaware Speech Therapy Mandate (HS 2 for HB273 with SA 1) (the “Mandate”) requires insurers to provide expanded coverage for speech therapy or services for children.

In response, Highmark Delaware has implemented systematic changes for speech therapy claims impacted by the Mandate. **Important:** Providers should continue to follow their current billing procedures.

The Mandate applies to Delaware individual, small and large group fully insured policies issued or renewed on or after Jan. 1, 2025.

The following speech-language disorders classified in the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) are now covered by the Mandate:

- Childhood onset fluency disorder
- Developmental disorder of speech and language unspecified
- Expressive language disorder
- Mixed receptive-expressive language disorder
- Phonological disorder
- Receptive language disorder
- Social pragmatic communication disorder

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