SECTION 200

 CHART OF ACCOUNTS

7550 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Function

The Speech-Language Pathology cost center provides evaluation and treatment to persons with impaired speech, language, cognitive-communication, or swallowing function. Speech-Language Pathology includes evaluation, treatment, and establishing plans of care to address areas of need. Specific Speech-Language Pathology services, which shall be implemented or supervised by a licensed speech-language pathologist, include but are not limited to diagnostic assessment and evaluation, treatment, and continued evaluation/periodic re-evaluation.

Diagnostic assessment and evaluation includes clinical appraisal of speech (articulation, voice, fluency, motor speech disorders), deglutition (clinical bedside dysphagia exams and instrumental dysphagia assessments, such as flexible endoscopic examination of swallowing or modified barium swallow studies), language competencies (expressive and receptive language domains), and underlying processes (speech perception, visual perception, motor skills, cognitive skills, memory, attention, etc.) through standardized and informal tests, and hearing screening. Treatment includes planning and conducting treatment programs on an individual or group basis, to develop, restore, improve or augment functional skills of persons disabled in the processes of speech, deglutition, language and/or underlying processes. Continued evaluation/periodic re-evaluation includes both standardized and informal procedures to monitor progress and verify current status.

Additional activities may include but are not limited to preparation of written diagnostic evaluative and special reports; provisions of extensive counseling and guidance individuals and their families; and maintaining specialized equipment utilized in evaluation and treatment such as assistive communication devices and speech prostheses.

Description

This cost center contains the direct expenses incurred in maintaining a Speech-Language Pathology Cost Center. Any expenses related to the sale of speech prostheses or other communication aids and disposable medical supplies must not be included here but accounted for in Medical Supplies Sold cost center. Included as direct expenses are salaries and wages, employee benefits, professional fees (non-physician), non-medical supplies, purchased services, other direct expenses, and transfers.

Standard Unit of Measure: Relative Value Units (RVU)

Speech- Language pathology RVUs as determined by the Health Services Cost Review Commission. (See Appendix D of this manual.) Relative Value Units for unlisted modalities or for procedures should be estimated based on other comparable modalities or procedures.

Data Source

The number of Relative Value Units shall be the actual count maintained by the Speech-Language Pathology cost center.

Reporting Schedule

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