

State Advocates for Medicare Policy (StAMP)

January 2016 Meeting Summary

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Meeting Date/Time: January 5, 2015 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. EST

ASHA's StAMP Network continues to have monthly phone conferences. Update below:

- **Updates on Coding**
 - R47 family (dysarthria, speech disturbance, etc.) cannot be used in conjunction with code for autism (F84.0). Looking into options to resolve this but in the meantime use F80.0 (developmental phonological disorder) with the autism diagnosis
 - Use of unspecified codes, especially for audiology when coding different types of hearing loss in each ear. Guidance is to use the unspecified hearing loss codes (one code for each ear) according to the type:
 - H90.5, Unspecified sensorineural hearing loss
 - H90.8, Mixed conductive and sensorineural hearing loss, unspecified
 - H90.2, Conductive hearing loss, unspecified.
 - Some audiologists are finding that unspecified codes aren't accepted. Another option is to use the H91.8X series of codes for "other specified hearing loss"
- **Primary or Secondary?**
 - Standard guidance is that the primary (first-listed) code is the treating (clinical) diagnosis, secondary codes reflect underlying medical conditions.
 - Some caveats: If there is specific guidance associated with a particular code; if the payer or facility requires medical diagnosis to be listed first (this may happen with SNFs...)
 - FYI –ASHA is currently seeking clarification regarding appropriate order of codes when there is an autism diagnosis from the American Hospital Association (AHA)
 - AHA's previous guidance was to list autism as secondary
- **Resources**
 - CD-10 Website: www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10/
 - ICD-10 FAQs: www.asha.org/Practice/reimbursement/coding/ICD-10-CM-Coding-FAQs-for-Audiologists-and-SLPs/
 - Answers to Your ICD-10-CM Coding Questions: <http://leader.pubs.asha.org/article.aspx?articleid=2478918>
 - Tell our members they can contact reimbursement@asha.org
- **Other**
 - Be cognizant of DME coverage determination. They are issuing policies through announcements now. Proposed bill to regulate local coverage determination process.