

STAMP MEETING 4-7-20

The majority of the STAMP meeting was related to current issues surrounding COVID-19. The following are key points of the meeting:

- ASHA is recommending SLPs follow the same guidelines as the CDC in regards to PPE use in medical settings
- Some insurance companies/payers other than CMS have approved SLPs to provide services via telepractice
 - See coverage parameter tables on ASHA regarding private pay and Medicaid coverage for telepractice services provided by an SLP
 - SLP, PT, OTs are not covered providers for Medicare telepractice—ASHA continues to advocate for change on this ruling specifically ASHA is advocating for full telepractice for all settings (medical)
- ASHA is seeking legislature authority to waive the current restrictions for SLPs due to the national emergency; however, interim final rule on March 30th indicated CPT codes (SLP) covered in telehealth services can only be provided by physician, physician assistant. See page 34-38 of the interim final rule
 - Telehealth is a legal term/perspective for Medicare 1834 M of the social security act for Medicare—they used the rule making process to expand the services provided to include SLP CPT codes but not the providers therefore SLPs, OTs and PTs are not included
- Some ASHA members are asking ASHA to revise the statement/recommendations of “must have a support person on their end” in regards to telepractice. Reasoning is some patients do not need a support person on the other end and in some cases, this is not HIPPA compliant for that patient—ASHA will look into this
- ASHA encourages members to follow their webpage asha.org for latest updates and resources, including telepractice specifically related to COVID-19.