SHARS - Then and Now

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What’s changed in SHARS?

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Then and Now – Allowable Costs

Appendix A
• Changes announced 11/4/2019
• 43 items/types of materials removed, 0 added
  • Removed items include:
    • Software and hardware dedicated to the provision of direct medical services for clinical evaluation and instructional software; assistive technology software and hardware
    • Refrigerator for medicine
    • Clinical and instructional materials and supplies
• Current Appendix A list available for download at https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services-shars

Participant List
• Effective 10/1/2019, no administrative staff allowed on participant list
Then and Now – Rates/Procedure Codes

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## Then and Now – STAIRS

### Then – STAIRS
- Shared platform with MAC and RMTS
- Superintendent and SHARS Financial Contacts
- Detail and Summary Reporting (Steps 3 and 4)
- Signed and notarized certification forms required

### Now – STAIRS
- SHARS Cost Report added to newer STAIRS platform 1/2/2020
- **Entity, Financial and Preparer Contacts**
- Summary only reporting (Steps 3 and 4)
- Digital signatures allowed for certification forms
- Upload center
  - **Shared services arrangement contract**
  - Supporting documentation for summary expenses reported in Steps 3 and 4
  - Trip logs
Then and Now – Reimbursable Services

Telehealth/Telemedicine Services (Then)
• Telehealth benefit policy language was updated for Texas Medicaid to allow for reimbursement of telehealth services for both occupational therapists (OT) and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in school-based settings. The new language was effective for services delivered on and after 8/1/2019.

Telehealth/Telemedicine Services (Now)
• As a result of COVID-19 related closures, HHSC has updated its policy to reimburse additional SHARS services delivered via telemedicine or telehealth when school districts move to a non-traditional school based educational model, such as virtual learning. The additional services are:
  • Audiology services
  • Counseling services
  • Physician services
  • Physical therapy

Distant site telemedicine and telehealth providers must obtain informed consent to treatment from the patient, patient's parent, or the patient's legal guardian prior to rendering a telemedicine or telehealth service.
Then and Now – Cost Report

Deadline

Correction Period
• 60-day correction period typically starts 4/2/20XX
• Correction period for 2019 cost report will start immediately after final submission deadline
Then and Now – SHARS FAQ Updates

SHARS FAQ
• [Current version last updated 3/20/2020](#)
• List of updates found on page 2
• Notable updates:
  • (B6 & B9) - Signatures required (per event) on all session notes and service logs
  • (D7) - Parent consent form may not be provided to all parents of children with disabilities, regardless of whether the public agency is seeking to access the child’s or parent’s public benefits or insurance to pay for required special education and related services
  • (T16) – IEP prescribed direct medical services and specialized transportation services delivered during summer months at/to offsite locations now reimbursable through SHARS
Thank you!

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