

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS

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House Bill 4484 as reported from committee

Sponsor: Rep. Joseph D. Fox

1st Committee: Health Policy

2nd Committee: Rules

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4484 would amend the Social Welfare act to allow a speech-language pathologist licensed in Michigan to seek Medicaid reimbursement for audiological rehabilitation and speech-language therapy services, regardless of whether they have a certificate of clinical competence, and regardless of any Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) rules, regulations, or guidelines to the contrary.

Proposed MCL 400.109z

BACKGROUND:

According to committee testimony, DHHS recently revised its Medicaid guidelines to allow speech-language pathologists to enroll with Medicaid for reimbursement of audiological rehabilitation and speech-language therapy services, as long as they have a current Michigan license or are certified by the appropriate standard-setting authority in the state where they are practicing. A certification of clinical competence (CCC) from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association is not required.

The bill would enact the above provision (stating that a CCC is not required for Medicaid reimbursement for audiological rehabilitation and speech-language therapy services) into state law, both to ensure that it cannot be changed without legislative action and to provide clarity for insurers and employers who may still believe a CCC is necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have a negligible fiscal impact on the state Medicaid program. Both audiological rehabilitation and speech-language therapy services are currently reimbursable under Medicaid. Any increase in cost to the program would be relative to an increase in usage due to increased provider access.

POSITIONS:

Representatives of Fix SLP testified in support of the bill. (6-25-25)

The following entities indicated support for the bill:

- Memorial Healthcare (9-3-25)
- Michigan Health and Hospital Association (9-18-25)

The Michigan Speech Language Hearing Association indicated a neutral position on the bill.
(9-3-25)

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