

<u>Understanding your insurance responsibility</u> <u>for Speech therapy patients</u>

It's become extremely difficult to remain current on the changes in various health plans. Many health plans have multiple contracts that vary in coverage for speech & feeding /swallowing therapy services.

You MUST contact your health plan to understand your financial responsibility. <u>You will be held responsible for your deductible, co-pays and costs that exceed the limitations of your insurance policy.</u>

When you call your insurance representative provide him/her with:

<u>Service provider</u>: Stony Brook University Hospital -Outpatient Speech and Hearing Department. Services are billed to the insurance carrier by the hospital billing department 444 - 4151.

Procedure code (CPT- 4):

92507	Speech/Language/Voice therapy
92526	Feeding /Swallowing therapy
97127	Cognitive therapy (Medicare code G0515)

<u>Diagnosis codes</u>: Vary by patient, ask our department secretary

We suggest you obtain and write down the insurance company representative's name, time/date you called along with the benefit information provided including the deductible, co-pay amount and maximum/limitations of your insurance benefits should any billing issues arise.

We will call or fax information to your insurance to obtain preauthorization for therapy services if required by insurance carrier. Please let us know.