

# Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Dear Licensees,

The West Virginia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology is aware of communications regarding the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for reimbursement under Medicare Part B services. CMS updated its definition of a qualified speech-language pathologist (SLP) in Chapter 15 of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual (MBPM) for Medicare Part B (outpatient) billing. Due to this update, the licensure board has received inquiries from SLPs, provisional SLPs, and employers in the outpatient settings about whether services provided by a provisional SLP can still be eligible for reimbursement under Medicare Part B.

As a licensing board established under West Virginia state statute, WVBESLPA does not have authority over reimbursement matters, including Medicare policies. We will continue to actively monitor this situation and are in communication with relevant organizations and stakeholders. As we receive additional information, we will update licensees via our website at [wvspeechandaudiology.com](http://wvspeechandaudiology.com). We strongly encourage licensees to consult directly with CMS or their billing departments to obtain the most current and accurate information regarding reimbursement policies in accordance with both CMS regulations and West Virginia state licensure laws.

Sincerely,

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