

Medicaid Services (Benefits Categories) that Support SGD Coverage

Medicaid's mandatory and optional services are defined so broadly that states can classify (cover) specific types of treatment or items of equipment within different benefits categories. SGDs can be classified (covered) under any of the following services:

- Durable medical equipment (most common)
- Prosthetic Devices
- Speech Therapy Services
- Rehabilitative Services
- Nursing Facility Services
- Intermediate Care Facility Services
- Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Services

Numerous HCFA Policy Letters support this conclusion. For example:

- *HCFA Regional Office III, Medicaid Letter 93-97 (1993)* ("Assistive devices and technology" can be covered under DME; prosthetic devices; or as equipment under the therapy benefits)
- *HCFA Regional Office III, Medicaid Letter 93-98 (October 26, 1993)* ("communicative assistive devices" can be covered under EPSDT, DME, prosthetic devices, or under one of the therapy benefits)
- *HCFA Regional Office VI, Medical Services Letter 93-110 (November 22, 1993)* ("communicative assistive devices" can be covered under EPSDT, DME, prosthetic devices, or under one of the therapy benefits)
- *HCFA Regional Office VI, Medical Services Letter 95-31 (March 7, 1995)* (communicative assistive devices can be covered under DME, prosthetic devices, or therapy services).