Speech Language Pathology IPA Considerations

The Speech Language Pathology component group has 12 possible categories that a patient can fall into. Category placement is dependent upon several elements: the clinical reason for the stay in the skilled nursing facility (acute neurologic or non-neurologic), comorbidities from Section I8000 of the Minimum Data Set (MDS), presence of a cognitive impairment, presence of a swallowing impairment, and presence of a mechanically altered diet. The Speech Language Pathology component group is one of the most complex in that there are many factors that play a role and need to be considered. To ensure appropriate patient category assignment and reimbursement/allocation of resources; communication, investigation, and review of patient condition by the entire IDT is essential. Minor changes here can make a big difference.

How presence of an acute neurologic condition, SLP-related comorbidity, or cognitive impairment can make a difference:

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily Difference	Weekly Difference
Speech Therapy	SA (None/Neither)	0.64	$27.35	$17.50	**$20.24**	**$141.68**
	SD (Any one/Neither)	1.38	$27.35	$ 37.74		
Speech Therapy	SD (Any one/Neither)	1.38	$27.35	$ 37.74	**$15.05**	**$105.35**
	SG (Any two/Neither)	1.93	$27.35	$52.79		
Speech Therapy	SG (Any two/Neither)	1.93	$27.35	$52.79	**$24.61**	**$172.27**
	SJ (All three/Neither)	2.83	$27.35	$77.40		
Speech Therapy	SB (None/Either)	1.72	$27.35	$47.04	**$13.40**	**$93.80**
	SE (Any one/Either)	2.21	$27.35	$60.44		
Speech Therapy	SE (Any one/Either)	2.21	$27.35	$60.44	**$13.41**	**$93.87**
	SH (Any two/Either)	2.70	$27.35	$73.85		
Speech Therapy	SH (Any two/Either)	2.70	$27.35	$73.85	**$21.88**	**$153.16**
	SK (All three/Either)	3.50	$27.35	$95.73		
Speech Therapy	SC (None/Both)	2.52	$27.35	$68.92	**$8.21**	**$57.47**
	SF (Any one/Both)	2.82	$27.35	$77.13		
Speech Therapy	SF (Any one/Both)	2.82	$27.35	$77.13	**$14.22**	**$99.54**
	SI (Any two/Both)	3.34	$27.35	$91.35		
Speech Therapy	SI (Any two/Both)	3.34	$27.35	$91.35	**$17.50**	**$122.50**
	SL (All three/Both)	3.98	$27.35	$108.85		

How a mechanically altered diet and/or a swallowing disorder can make a difference:

PDPM Component	CMG	CMI	Urban Base Rate	Daily Payment	Daily Difference	Weekly Difference
Speech Therapy	SA (None/Neither)	0.64	$27.35	$17.50	**$29.54**	**$206.78**
	SB (None/Either)	1.72	$27.35	$47.04		
Speech Therapy	SA (None/Neither)	0.64	$27.35	$17.50	**$51.42**	**$359.94**
	SC (None/Both)	2.52	$27.35	$68.92		
Speech Therapy	SD (Any one/Neither)	1.38	$27.35	$37.74	**$22.70**	**$158.90**
	SE (Any one/Either)	2.21	$27.35	$60.44		
Speech Therapy	SD (Any one/Neither)	1.38	$27.35	$37.74	**$39.39**	**$275.73**
	SF (Any one/Both)	2.82	$27.35	$77.13		
Speech Therapy	SG (Any two/Neither)	1.93	$27.35	$52.79	**$21.06**	**$147.42**
	SH (Any two/Either)	2.70	$27.35	$73.85		
Speech Therapy	SG (Any two/Neither)	1.93	$27.35	$52.79	**$38.56**	**$269.92**
	SI (Any two/Both)	3.34	$27.35	$91.35		
Speech Therapy	SJ (All three/Neither)	2.83	$27.35	$77.40	**$18.33**	**$128.31**
	SK (All three/Either)	3.50	$27.35	$95.73		
Speech Therapy	SJ (All three/Neither)	2.83	$27.35	$77.40	**$31.45**	**$220.15**
	SL (All three/Both)	3.98	$27.35	$108.85		

*Calculations do not consider the variable per diem adjustment or geographic wage related adjustments