

Speech Generating Devices (for Tennessee Only)

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Application

This Medical Policy applies to Medicaid and CoverKids in the state of Tennessee.

Coverage Rationale

For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria, refer to the InterQual® CP: Durable Medical Equipment, Speech Generating Devices (SGD).

Click [here](#) to view the InterQual® criteria.

For coverage limitations and exclusions, refer to the [Rules of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare, Chapter 1200-13-13.10 Exclusions](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

HCPCS Code	Description
E2500	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using prerecorded messages, less than or equal to 8 minutes recording time
E2502	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using prerecorded messages, greater than 8 minutes but less than or equal to 20 minutes recording time
E2504	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using prerecorded messages, greater than 20 minutes but less than or equal to 40 minutes recording time
E2506	Speech generating device, digitized speech, using prerecorded messages, greater than 40 minutes recording time

HCPCS Code	Description
E2508	Speech generating device, synthesized speech, requiring message formulation by spelling and access by physical contact with the device
E2510	Speech generating device, synthesized speech, permitting multiple methods of message formulation and multiple methods of device access
E2511	Speech generating software program, for personal computer or personal digital assistant
E2512	Accessory for speech generating device, mounting system
E2599	Accessory for speech generating device, not otherwise classified

References

TennCare Medicaid, Chapter 1200-13-13-.10 Exclusions. <https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/1200/1200-13/1200-13-13.20220517.pdf>. Accessed February 22, 2023.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
08/01/2023	<p>Coverage Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replaced instruction to “refer to the <i>Rules of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare, Chapter 1200-13.13.10 Exclusions</i> for speech software for members age 21 and over” with “refer to the <i>Rules of Tennessee Department of Finance and Administration, Bureau of TennCare, Chapter 1200-13.13.10 Exclusions</i> for coverage limitations and exclusions” <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archived previous policy version CS189TN.E

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This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

UnitedHealthcare may also use tools developed by third parties, such as the InterQual® criteria, to assist us in administering health benefits. The UnitedHealthcare Medical Policies are intended to be used in connection with the independent professional medical judgment of a qualified health care provider and do not constitute the practice of medicine or medical advice.