

IF YOU INTEND TO OBTAIN INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT

If you intend to seek insurance reimbursement, LA SPEECH GUY is a private-pay practice. We only accept major credit/debit cards and/or Flexible Spending Account. We are not affiliated with any insurance companies, nor do we negotiate our fees. You should know that insurance companies often list “speech therapy” as a reimbursable service, however, frequently will not provide coverage for children’s speech therapy services, particularly if the therapy is not due to a “medical” condition. If you plan to seek insurance reimbursement for any services rendered by LA SPEECH GUY, you should check with your insurer, as to their exclusions and requirements. We cannot tell you if your insurance company ultimately will reimburse you for services, even if it lists speech therapy as a covered service. If you still intend to seek insurance reimbursement, you will need to do the following:

1. Before your first visit, you should get a referral from your child’s physician for speech-language therapy services, or have your physician specify or “prescribe” that an assessment is being requested. We ask that you also provide your physician with copies of initial speech-language therapy assessments and progress reports so that he/she has the needed information to appropriately make the referral.
2. Any reports or documents outside of those typically provided by us, which are requested for your child, require a 2-week notice and are considered “additional services”.
3. Insurance companies typically require a written initial assessment. They do not allow us to use the information from your child’s IEP. If we do, it will typically trigger a denial on the grounds that we are duplicating school’s services or that the therapy is educational-not medical or rehabilitative- in nature. They will allow us to use other, private assessments if they are less than 6 months old as the basis for our treatment plan, but you should check to find out if they will require a separate assessment form from us before initiating therapy. Insurance companies generally require that your child have a formal assessment every year. Our formal assessments include an initial treatment plan. Our subsequent assessment(s) may include but are not limited to formal and informal testing, a review of progress and updated goals/objectives.
4. Along with an initial assessment, the insurance company will typically require an initial treatment plan, but not always. If they allow us to use previous assessments, we may still be required to write an initial treatment plan. There are fees involved with any requests for additional services. If you require them, please contact our Executive Director, Matthew Smith, M.S., CCC-SLP.

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