

BILLING PROCEDURES FOR SDX FEES SERVICES

The facility will be invoiced monthly by SDX. A RECEIPT FOR FEES SERVICES will be submitted to the facility by the SDX FEES Specialist with the report via secure cloud delivery. The receipt will indicate the patient name, date of service, the CPT code(s) the facility should bill, the corresponding ICD-10 code(s), and payment source. The facility's speech therapist will indicate treatment time under CPT 92526 if s/he provides dysphagia treatment.

SDX *is not a third party biller*; per terms of contract, payment to SDX is made by the facility.

The following CPT code represents the SDX FEES procedure:

CPT Code 92612 - **Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing by cine or video recording - supporting ICD-10 is R13.12 (oropharyngeal dysphagia)**

Medicare recognizes that an instrumental assessment such as a FEES may be needed for:

- ✓ clinical decisions re: whether to place feeding gastrostomy tubes;
- ✓ to plan and evaluate appropriate therapy programs;
- ✓ in the dietary management of the impaired patient.

Medicare requires a medical diagnosis of dysphagia when reimbursing a facility for a FEES.

FEES is considered a **rehab procedure**.

The FEES can be used as the initial assessment/SOC date for a speech patient.

For Medicare A - The cost of the procedure is subtracted from the patient's day rate. The 30-minute treatment portion (92526) can be applied to your rehab totals when billed by your facility SLP. If your SLP is not billing treatment 92526 on the day of the FEES, you can have us sign your treatment log on the day of the visit.

For Medicare B - FEES procedures are billed by CPT codes. *Billing of a patient's insurance has to be completed by the facility. SDX is not a third-party biller. The amount billed for the FEES to Medicare, not the rate charged by SDX for the FEES, will be included in the PT/ST cap.*

For Medicaid - Medicaid does not pay for speech therapy so it does not pay for a FEES procedure.

For Private Insurance - Some insurance companies will reimburse for the FEES by CPT code and require prior authorization, so it is a good idea to check on a case-by-case basis. See Medicare B guidelines for codes associated with FEES procedure. Insurance companies are billed by the facility using the facility as the provider, SDX is not a third party biller.

**For billing questions, please contact
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