



# BILLING PROCEDURES FOR SDX FEES SERVICES

Thank you for choosing SDX FEES services!

Your facility will receive bimonthly invoices in the mail from SDX listing each FEES procedure at the contracted rate, regardless of the patient's payor source.

A *RECEIPT FOR FEES SERVICES* indicating patient name, date of service, applicable CPT code(s), corresponding ICD-10 code(s), payor source and SDX provider information is submitted with the completed FEES report. Your facility SLP and/or DOR have access to this via our secure portal and cloud storage and can print it for you. If you would like access as well, simply email [Katrina@swallowingdiagnostics.net](mailto:Katrina@swallowingdiagnostics.net).

The facility's speech therapist will indicate treatment time under CPT 92526 if s/he provides dysphagia treatment.

***\*\*\*Please remember to add 92612 to each patient's UB-04 insurance claim form to recapture a portion of the exam.\*\*\****  
*SDX is not a third party biller; per terms of our contract with your facility, 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 treatment portion (92526) can be applied to your rehab totals when billed by your facility SLP.

***For Medicare B*** - Therapy procedures, including FEES, 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, should be included in the PT/ST cap.*

***For Medicaid*** - Medicaid does not reimburse for a FEES procedure; however, if the patient has Med B coverage for therapy, the FEES is a therapy service and the facility can then bill Med B for the FEES.

***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.

*Insurance companies are billed by the facility using the facility as the provider; SDX is not a third-party biller.*

**If you have any questions, please contact**

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