Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services

New American Sign Language – English Interpreter Service Codes

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AUDIENCE:

Individuals and Families, Administrative Entities (AEs), Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs), Consolidated, Person/Family Directed Support (P/FDS), Community Living, and Adult Autism Waiver Providers, and all other interested stakeholders.

PURPOSE:

To announce the availability of the new American Sign Language (ASL) English Interpreter service codes effective January 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The Office of Developmental Programs' (ODP) new American Sign Language (ASL)-English Interpreter service is available to individuals in the Consolidated, P/FDS, Community Living, and Adult Autism Waivers starting January 1, 2025. It is excluded from the waiver limits for P/FDS and Community Living waivers.

ASL-English Interpreter is a vendor service that can be provided by an agency or an individual through an Organized Health Care Delivery System, participant direction (both Employer Authority and Budget Authority), or provider. This service must be entered in the Individual Support Plan

(ISP) and billed as a 15-minute unit of service. There is an error in the waivers that indicates the

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ASL-English Interpreter service may be billed as an hour unit of service. The ASL-English

Interpreter 15-minute procedure codes listed in the table below are set up as outcome-based

services with an individualized rate. This means HCSIS allows this service to have a different rate

per service, per individual, and per provider.

Supports Coordinators should refer to ODP Communication Number 100-16 for guidance on

vendor rates and Administrative Fee Services related to the delivery of vendor services. This

guidance outlines how SCs should properly enter and follow the instructions for these services.

Providers who wish to enroll directly with ODP to provide this service (not through an Organized

Health Care Delivery System or participant-direction) must enroll as Provider Type 58, Specialty

580.

Below are the new procedure codes and descriptions for clarity and consistency:

Provider Type 54, Specialty 540: This combination is exclusively for Agency with Choice Providers.

Provider Type 54, Specialty 541: This combination is to be used only by the State Vendor Fiscal

Provider or Local Vendor Fiscal Providers.

Provider Type 55, Specialty 580: This combination is for providers who wish to offer Organized

Health Care Delivery Services.

Provider Type 58, Specialty 580: This combination is for providers who wish to enroll directly to

provide these services.

Modifiers:

GT: Virtual modifier

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Procedure Code	Short Description	PT	Specialty	Mod1	Mod2
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	54	540	00	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	54	540	U3	00
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	54	540	GT	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	54	540	U3	GT
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	54	541	00	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (In-	54	541	U3	00

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	Person)				
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	54	541	GT	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	54	541	U3	GT
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	55	580	00	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	55	580	U3	00
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	55	580	GT	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	55	580	U3	GT

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Procedure Code	Short Description	PT	Specialty	Mod1	Mod2
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	58	580	00	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (In- Person)	58	580	U3	00
T1013	ASL 1 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	58	580	GT	00
T1013	ASL 2 interpreter – 15min – (Virtual)	58	580	U3	GT

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