



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** September 30, 2020  
**To:** Georgia Medicaid Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** Temporary – UPDATE: Georgia Medicaid Speech Therapy and Language Requirement  
**Effective Date:** October 1, 2020

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**Please note:** After COVID-19 was declared a national emergency, telehealth is allowed to be utilized in lieu of face-to-face assessments/visits.

## **Summary**

The purpose of this communication is to advise that the requirement of face-to-face assessments by SLP's no longer required and telehealth visits may be used in place of face-to-face visits.

## **Impact**

CareSource will allow for telehealth visits to be submitted with the pre-authorization request for speech therapy instead of face-to-face assessments.

**Please note:** Due to the urgent and emergent nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, CareSource reserves the right to implement and revoke this policy without the state-specific contractual notification requirements for a change in policy. This would apply both for the effective date, as well as for the withdrawal of the policy.

## **Questions?**

For all general questions related to COVID-19, please contact the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-427-5634 (1-833-4-ASK-ODH).

All other questions, please contact CareSource's Provider Services at **1-855-202-1058**. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern time (ET).