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MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Coordinators
Special Education Directors

FROM: Vanesha Perrin
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DATE: December 19, 2022

RE: Co-Signature Requirements for Speech Language Therapist (SLT)- Clarifications

On October 21, 2022, school districts were notified by the OMS that the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) made the following clarifications which went into effect on November 1, 2022.

- A reevaluation completed by a speech language therapist (SLT) must be co-signed by a licensed speech language pathologist (SLP).
- An Individualized Education Program (IEP) signed by a SLT must be co-signed by a licensed SLP.

The OMS would like to provide the following clarification regarding the previously shared requirements:

- For Medicaid purposes, SLPs are not required to attend IEP meetings when the SLP's co-signature is required on the IEP.
- A supplemental statement completed and signed by the SLP may be utilized for the co-signature of the SLP when the SLP cannot attend the IEP meeting to sign the IEP. The SLP's completed and signed supplemental statement must clearly state that the SLP has reviewed and approves the speech therapy services/treatment, length, frequency, and type (individual or group) of service as outlined within the IEP and agreed upon by the IEP team.
- A supplemental statement **cannot** be utilized for the co-signature of the SLP when the reevaluation is completed by the SLT.

If you have questions, please contact Vanesha Perrin, Director, Office of Medicaid Services, at vrperrin@ed.sc.gov.