

Diagnostic and Treatment Course for Speech and Language Impairments

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Physiological Based Speech Impairment

Speech/Language Pathologist

Functional Based Language Impairment

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Conducts formal and informal assessments and uses clinical observation

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ICD Code = Specific Diagnosis

Determine level of severity

CPT Code = Procedural Code (i.e., evaluation, treatment)

None

Mild

Moderate

Severe