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Effective for dates of service February 23, 2012. Prior Authorizations will be required for occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech therapy provided to fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid enrollees. Details about this requirement including certain exemptions; information about Medicaid Managed Care and Family Health Plus enrollees and special billing instructions including the use of specific modifiers are available in the December and August 2011 Medicaid Updates located [here](#).

Prior authorizations are generated and cancelled through eMedNY's "Dispensing Validation System" (DVS). A DVS may not be requested retroactively. Cancellation of DVS must be performed within 90 days of the request. DVS operates on "real time" and will give an immediate response to a request for a PA. The DVS system can be accessed using one of the following methods: (ePACES, PC-to-Host Link, or Verifone POS Device).

To support this, a new ePACES reference sheet has been developed for the Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy DVS requirement. This quick reference sheet explains the step by step process of obtaining a DVS in ePACES for these services. It can also be found on www.emedny.org under 'Self Help,' then 'ePACES Reference Sheets' by clicking [here](#).

Questions can be directed to the eMedNY Call Center at 800-343-9000.

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