Speech Generating Device Coverage and Documentation Guidelines

Division of OHIP Operations
Office of Health Insurance Programs
Purpose

- History of SGD coverage
- Provide an overview of the Departments findings
- Review the highlights of the changes to the coverage criteria* in the SGD guidelines
- Propose next steps
- Opportunity for stakeholder input

Timeline of SGD Coverage

- 1991: Coverage Guidelines Developed
- 2001: Medicare Code Expansion
- 2003: Provider Communication Published
- 2005: DVS Authorization Initiated
- 2012: DOH Webinar
Annual funding for SGD’s

All Related SGD Codes

- $1,081,970
- $2,863,78
- Began DVS (Effective 12/1/2005)
Total Code Specific Funding

Total $’s 2005–2011

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Annual Funding per Code

The chart above illustrates the annual funding per code from 2005 to 2011. The funding data is represented for codes E2510, E2508, E2506, and E2504. The funding levels are plotted on a logarithmic scale, showing a significant increase for code E2510 from 2005 to 2008, followed by a gradual decrease from 2008 to 2011. Other codes show minimal fluctuations over the years.
Other Findings

- Increase in E2510 for younger beneficiaries
- Insufficient documentation submitted to support requests
- High volume and cost of repairs
- Recognizing changes in technology
- Need for expansion of coverage
Highlights

- Updated terminology
- Clarification regarding expectation of trial period and requirements
- Expansion of coverage to include software
- Clarification of clinical documentation requirements
  - new
  - modifications
  - repairs
Evaluation Reports

- Updated terminology
- Outline format
- Minimal/Essential components
- Provided clarity to coverage criteria
Next Steps

- Opportunity for comments on revised guidelines
- Return to prior approval?
- Add software code (DVS or PA)
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