



## Frequently Asked Questions on Medicare and Medicaid in SC

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### **1. I'm new to the southeast region and I need to find out what the Medicare MAC covers or restricts in this region. Where can I look?**

*It is possible some links may be outdated; you may search the document number and key words from the title to find the current link. Scroll down to "Public Versions" to ensure you are looking at the most up-to-date article. Contact SCSHA to request links to be updated when needed.*

### **OUTPATIENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

LCD Outpatient SLP services, Palmetto GBA (L34429):

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=34429&ver=63&>

Article on Billing and Coding: Outpatient SLP services, Palmetto GBA (A56868)

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=56868>

### **DYSPHAGIA (outpatient)**

LCD Swallowing Studies for Dysphagia, Palmetto GBA (L33449):

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=33449>

\*please note, mobile MBS/VFSS is currently not covered due to lacking evidence of medical effectiveness per this LCD.

Article on Billing and Coding: Swallowing Studies for Dysphagia, Palmetto GBA (A56621):

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=56621>

LCD on Surface Electrical Stimulation in the Treatment of Dysphagia (L34578)

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=34578&ver=23&stateRegion=s48&contractorNumber=all&lcdStatus=A&sortBy=title&bc=8>



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### **SPEECH-GENERATING DEVICES**

LCD Speech Generating Devices (SGD), Palmetto GBA (L33739):

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?LCDId=33739>

Article on Speech Generating Devices (SGD), Palmetto GBA (A52469):

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/article.aspx?articleId=52469>

### **HOME HEALTH**

LCD on Home Health Speech-Language Pathology (L34563)

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=34563&ver=45&stateRegion=s48&contractorNumber=all&lcdStatus=A&sortBy=title&bc=8>

LCD on Home Health Surface Electrical Stimulation in the Treatment of Dysphagia (L34565)

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/view/lcd.aspx?lcdid=34565&ver=35&stateRegion=s48&contractorNumber=all&lcdStatus=A&sortBy=title&bc=8>

### **2. How can I find other Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) that may be relevant to my practice but are not included on this FAQ?**

<https://www.palmettogba.com/palmetto/jma.nsf/DID/89BKFV2683>

Search by “Active LCDs” or “Future effective LCDs,” then search by state.

Always ensure you are on the most up-to-date LCD by checking the “public versions” list at the bottom of the document and click to view the current version.

### **3. I’m interested in finding out about South Carolina Medicaid coverage policies and restrictions. Where can I learn more?**

SC Department of Health and Human Services, Provider Manual list:

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/provider-manual-list>



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SC Department of Health and Human Services, Fee schedules:

<https://www.scdhhs.gov/resource/fee-schedules>

BabyNet Policies and Procedures:

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/babynet/site-page/babynet-policies-and-procedures>

BabyNet Provider Enrollment:

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/babynet/site-page/babynet-provider-enrollment>

SC Department of Health and Human Services, Third Party Liability:

Scroll down to “If a child has private insurance and FFS Medicaid, will BabyNet pay if the private insurance and FFS Medicaid do not pay the full amount for dates of service after Oct. 1?”

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/babynet/site-page/frequently-asked-questions-0>

### **4. Who are the Managed Care Organizations that participate in the SC Medicaid Program?**

SC Medicaid - Managed Care Organizations - contact information:

<https://msp.scdhhs.gov/managedcare/resource/managed-care-health-plan-contact-information>

MCO’s active in South Carolina include: Absolute Total Care, Humana, First Choice by Select Health, Molina Healthcare, and Healthy Blue by BlueChoice of SC.

*If you have other questions about Medicare or Medicaid that are specific to this region or state, please let SCSHA know so that we can add your question (and the appropriate answer) to the list.*