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**NOTES FOR
ALLIED HEALTH PROVIDERS
SECTION 2(I)
SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS**

This section of the Notes for Allied Health Providers must be read in conjunction with Section 1 – General

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Providing speech pathology services

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1. Only a speech pathologist who has been issued with a provider number by the Department of Human Services at the time of service is eligible to provide services to entitled persons.

Prior financial authorisation

2. The specific item numbers requiring prior financial authorisation are indicated by shading and an asterisk in the DVA *Speech Pathologists Schedule of Fees*. Please refer to this document to identify items requiring prior financial authorisation. Fee schedules are available at:

http://www.dva.gov.au/service_providers/Fee_schedules/Pages/Dental_and_Allied_Health.aspx

3. For information on how to seek prior financial authorisation, refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General [clauses 51-56].

Treatment thresholds/limits

4. For information on treatment thresholds and limits refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General [clauses 20-23].

Treatment Cycle

5. For information on the treatment cycle arrangements, which came into effect on 1 October 2019, refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General.

Rehabilitation Appliances Program

6. Speech pathologists are recognised prescribers of certain appliances under DVA's *Rehabilitation Appliances Program* (RAP) e.g. non-nutritional thickened fluids, and augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) devices. When utilising the RAP scheme, prescribers must send the relevant RAP request form to their chosen supplier, or appropriate contracted supplier, whichever is applicable to the item being requested. You should contact the RAP section to obtain full details including, which appliances you can prescribe, request forms and information on contracted RAP suppliers. Refer to Notes for Allied Health Providers Section One: General [clause 153] for contact details.

Fees

7. The DVA Speech Pathologists Fee Schedule details the fees relevant to speech pathology services. Please see link above under "Prior financial authorisation" to access fee schedules.

8. Speech pathologists are the only allied health providers with time based fees. A specific claim voucher, D695 (Allied Health time Based Voucher), along with the D1217 voucher, must be used when making any non-electronic claim.
9. The “Conduct Clinical Assessment” item on the Fee Schedule is to be used for initial consultations and assessment sessions. The “Evaluate Clinical Assessment” item should be used in conjunction with the “Conduct Clinical Assessment” item, and not on its own. The “Consultation” item should be used for treatment sessions.