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SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Speech-Language and Communication Services Caseload Priority Guidelines

Caseload priority decisions are based on three factors:

1. Severity of communication impairment

1.1 Severe Communication Impairment

- Nonspeaking
- Diagnosed severe language learning delay or disorder
- Generally unintelligible; speech characterized by multiple phonemes in error, or by presence of multiple phonological error patterns that are not developmental in nature
- Diagnosed severe fluency disorder
- Diagnosed severe voice disorder
- Possible presence of other factors: auditory processing, phonological awareness, oral motor or structural factors; relevant Ministry designation

1.2 Moderate Communication Impairment

- Diagnosed moderate language learning delay or disorder
- Speech intelligibility is poor to fair, characterized by multiple phonemes in error or by presence of some phonological error patterns that are not developmental in nature
- Diagnosed moderate fluency disorder
- Diagnosed moderate voice disorder
- Possible presence of other factors: auditory processing, phonological awareness, oral motor or structural factors; relevant Ministry designation

1.3 Mild Communication Impairment

- Diagnosed mild language learning delay or disorder
- Speech intelligibility is good, with few or a single phoneme error that is not developmental in nature
- Diagnosed mild or maintenance fluency disorder
- Diagnosed mild or maintenance voice disorder

2. Educational-social-emotional impact of the communication impairment

3. Prognosis