

Sensory Integration Therapy and Auditory Integration Training (for Tennessee Only)

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Related Policies
None

Application

This Medical Policy applies to Medicaid and CoverKids in the state of Tennessee.

Coverage Rationale

TennCare Medicaid

For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria for sensory integration therapy and auditory integration training, refer to the [TennCare Medicaid, Chapter 1200-13.13-.10: Exclusions](#).

Tennessee CoverKids

For medical necessity clinical coverage criteria for sensory integration therapy and auditory integration training, refer to the [CoverKids, Chapter 1200-13-21-.06: Exclusions](#) and [TennCare Medicaid, Chapter 1200-13.13-.10: Exclusions](#).

Applicable Codes

The following list(s) of procedure and/or diagnosis codes is provided for reference purposes only and may not be all inclusive. Listing of a code in this policy does not imply that the service described by the code is a covered or non-covered health service. Benefit coverage for health services is determined by federal, state, or contractual requirements and applicable laws that may require coverage for a specific service. The inclusion of a code does not imply any right to reimbursement or guarantee claim payment. Other Policies and Guidelines may apply.

CPT Code	Description
97533	Sensory integrative techniques to enhance sensory processing and promote adaptive responses to environmental demands, direct (one-on-one) patient contact, each 15 minutes

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U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

This section is to be used for informational purposes only. FDA approval alone is not a basis for coverage.

The equipment used for sensory integration therapy and auditory integration training is not considered medical in nature, and therefore not regulated by the FDA.

References

CoverKids, Chapter 1200-13-21-.06: Exclusions. Available at: <https://sos.tn.gov/publications/services/tenncare-rules-and-regulations>. Accessed August 25, 2025.

TennCare Medicaid, Chapter 1200-13-13-.10: Exclusions. Available at: <https://sos.tn.gov/publications/services/tenncare-rules-and-regulations>. Accessed August 25, 2025.

Policy History/Revision Information

Date	Summary of Changes
01/01/2026	<p>Coverage Rationale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Replaced coverage guidelines with instruction to refer to the: For TennCare Medicaid<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>TennCare Medicaid, Chapter 1200-13-13-.10: Exclusions</i> for medical necessity clinical coverage criteria for sensory integration therapy and auditory integration trainingFor Tennessee CoverKids<ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>CoverKids, Chapter 1200-13-21-.06: Exclusions</i> and <i>TennCare Medicaid, Chapter 1200-13-13-.10: Exclusions</i> for medical necessity clinical coverage criteria for sensory integration therapy and auditory integration training <p>Supporting Information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Updated <i>References</i> section to reflect the most current informationRemoved <i>Description of Services</i> and <i>Clinical Evidence</i> sectionsArchived previous policy version CS108TN.M

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This Medical Policy provides assistance in interpreting UnitedHealthcare standard benefit plans. When deciding coverage, the federal, state, or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage must be referenced as the terms of the federal, state, or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage may differ from the standard benefit plan. In the event of a conflict, the federal, state, or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage govern. Before using this policy, please check the federal, state, or contractual requirements for benefit plan coverage. UnitedHealthcare reserves the right to modify its Policies and Guidelines as necessary. This Medical Policy is provided for informational purposes. It does not constitute medical advice.

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