

## Updates to *AIM Specialty Health Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*

*This communication applies to Medicaid and Medicare Advantage plans from Empire.*

Effective for dates of service on and after April 9, 2023, the following updates will apply to the *AIM Specialty Health®\* Rehabilitative and Habilitative Services Clinical Appropriateness Guidelines*. As part of the AIM guideline annual review process, these updates are focused on advancing efforts to drive clinically appropriate, safe, and affordable healthcare services.

### Rehabilitative and habilitative services — updates by section

Speech-language pathology:

- Clarified language about the background of speech-language professionals
- Clarified language about qualified speech-language pathology providers

Speech therapy alternative treatments:

- Clarified language about *qualified* speech providers
- Definition of *blue dye test* clarified
- Parkinson Voice Project definition expanded

Physical therapy and occupational therapy adjunctive treatments:

- Added definition of Lee Silverman Voice Treatment BIG — proprietary program of intensive physical and/or occupational therapy of at least one month duration involving large, full-body exercises to improve functional movement and self-care tasks of people with Parkinson's disease and other neurological conditions. It requires company-certification of providers.
- Added exclusion for Lee Silverman Voice treatment

As a reminder, ordering and servicing providers may submit prior authorization requests to AIM:

- Access AIM's **ProviderPortal<sup>SM</sup>** directly at [www.providerportal.com](https://www.providerportal.com):
  - Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.

If you have questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at [aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com](mailto:aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com). Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current and upcoming guidelines [here](#).

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