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Summary of Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Benefits for Children with Global Developmental Delay

The San Francisco Health Plan recognizes the benefit of various ancillary therapies in allowing children with global developmental delay to achieve maximum functionality in accomplishing their activities of daily living. The purpose of this policy is to summarize the benefits available to these children within the framework of the individual health program to which these children belong.

Summary of Benefits by Line of Business

LOB	Covered Benefit Requires Prior Auth	Limitations
Medi-Cal	yes	Children three years old or older are referred to their school districts for these services. Speech Therapy requests for children three years and older will be reviewed for medical necessity. OT is limited to services for improving self-care and ADLs. If the service is not available at the school, we will review these case by case for medical necessity.
Healthy Kids	yes	These may be authorized for a combined maximum of 60 calendar days. Continued therapy beyond the 60 calendar period must receive prior authorization and authorized as medically necessary. There is a co-payment for these services if done as part of Home Healthcare
Healthy Families	yes	No set limits on services. Does not require referral to the school district for any child regardless of age. There is a co-payment for these services in the outpatient setting.

PT/OT and ST services require prior authorization and will receive review for medical necessity. The services may be initially approved for a period of 60 calendar days if deemed medically necessary. Additional prior authorization requests will be needed to extend the therapy beyond the initial authorized period.