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| Occupational Therapy Services         | IEP<br><br>AND<br><br>Physician's Authorization | VT. Licensed Occupational Therapist and NBCOT certified<br><br>COTA under the direction of a Licensed Occupational Therapist<br><br>OTA under the direction of a Licensed Occupational Therapist, but only at the paraprofessional level | Evaluation and treatment services to implement a program of purposeful activities to develop or maintain adaptive skills necessary to achieve the maximal physical and mental functioning of the individual in daily pursuits.   | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |
| Physical Therapy Services             | IEP<br><br>AND<br><br>Physician's Authorization | VT. Licensed Physical Therapist<br><br>Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant who is under the direction of a licensed Physical Therapist   | Evaluation and treatment services for the purpose of preventing, restoring, or alleviating a lost or impaired physical function. Adaptive Physical Education may be billed if the program was developed by a Physical Therapist. If a Physical Therapist did not develop the adaptive PE plan but adaptive PE is listed on the student's IEP as a related service, those services <u>may</u> meet the definition of developmental and assistive therapy. | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |
| Speech, Language and Hearing Services | IEP<br><br>AND<br><br>Physician's Authorization | VT. Licensed Speech Language Pathologist, Licensed Audiologist with CCCs/equivalent<br><br>Registered Speech Language Pathology Assistant who is supervised by Speech-Language Pathologist, but only at the paraprofessional level       | Evaluation and treatment services related to speech, hearing or language disorders, which result in communication disabilities.  | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |

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| Rehabilitative Nursing Services | IEP<br><br>AND<br><br>Physician's Authorization | VT. Registered Nurse (RN) or<br><br>Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)   | Medical monitoring and provision of other medical rehabilitative services.   | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |
| Mental Health Counseling        | IEP<br><br>AND<br><br>Physician's Authorization | Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker, or other VT. licensed or certified mental health practitioner, but not a School Guidance Counselor | Evaluation and treatment services involving mental, emotional or behavioral problems, disturbances and dysfunctions. Services are individual, group, or family counseling. | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |
| Vision Care Services            | IEP<br><br>AND<br><br>Physician's Authorization | VT.<br>Licensed Optometrist or<br><br>Ophthalmologist  | Visual analysis with refraction, and diagnostic and treatment services for diseases of the visual system   | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |

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| Developmental and Assistive Therapy | IEP<br>AND<br>Physician's Authorization | A provider must have a VT. license with one of the following endorsement codes to be billed as a professional: 67- Teacher of the Blind and Visually Impaired; 68- Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; 80- Early Childhood Special Educator; 81- Intensive Special Needs; 82- Special Educator; 84- Educational Speech Language Pathologist; 85- Consulting Teacher; 86- Director of Special Education; 87- Career and Technical Education Special Needs Coordinator A teacher without one of the above special education endorsements providing services as outlined in the child's IEP must be billed at the paraprofessional level. | Services provided in order to promote normal development by correcting deficits in the child's affective, cognitive, behavioral, or psychomotor/fine motor skills development, when such services are identified in the IEP. Services include application of techniques and methods designed to overcome disabilities, improve cognitive skills, and modify behavior.   | Developmental and Assistive Therapy Documentation log                    |
| Personal Care                       | IEP<br>AND<br>Physician's Authorization | Providers who completed a training program for home health aides/ nursing assistants, or other equivalent training, or who have appropriate background & experience in the provision of personal or behavioral conditions and meet qualifications established by the LEA. Billed at paraprofessional level.   | Services related to a child's physical or behavioral requirements, including assistance with eating, dressing, personal hygiene, activities of daily living, bladder and bowel requirements, use of adaptive equipment, ambulating and exercise, behavior modification, and other remedial services necessary to promote a child's ability to participate in, and benefit from, the educational setting. If a child receives 1:1 support for his or her <u>full</u> school day and cannot be left alone for any portion of the school day, the 1:1 service can be billed as personal care. If the student has a 1:1 aide, and the aide does not attend 1:1 services provided by another provider (such as specialized instruction, PT, OT, Speech, etc.) the school can bill the aide's direct service time as personal care. | Personal Care Verification Form; Personal Care Service Documentation Log |

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| Case Management                    | IEP                                     | Vt. Licensed Special Educator with endorsement (see endorsement code list above under Developmental and Assistive Therapy) or an individual with a Special Education emergency or provisional license | Services designed to assist children in gaining access to and coordination the delivery of medical services, including interaction with providers, monitoring treatment and interaction with parents and guardians. Case Management can only be billed at the amount listed in the IEP.  | Case Management Assurance form                       |
| Nutrition Services                 | IEP<br>AND<br>Physician's Authorization | Dieticians who meet VT. state certification requirements  | Evaluation and treatment services related to a child's nutritional needs, as allowed by 42 CFR 440.130(d). Nutrition services are child-specific and must be medically necessary to treat and correct problems such as eating disorders, food intake deficits, and excessive weight gain or loss which result from other medical problems, psychological issues, metabolic diseases, etc. The service includes assistance with assessments and care plan development. Services do not include coverage of general nutritional services such as those provided by a school's hot lunch program. | Related Services Documentation log<br>Progress Notes |
| Assessment and Evaluation Services | IEP<br>AND<br>Physician's Authorization | Vt. credentialed Physician, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker, School Nurse, Specialized Therapist or a Licensed or Certified Mental Health Practitioner                             | Services for the assessment and evaluation of an existing IEP. Services provided for the purposes of evaluating an individual's treatment needs may include medical, psychiatric, psychological, developmental and/or behavioral assessment, including the administration and interpretation of psychological tests  | Related Services Documentation log                   |
| Medical Consultation               | IEP<br>AND<br>Physician's Authorization | Vt. Licensed Physician  | Services provided by a licensed physician whose opinion or advice is requested in the evaluation or treatment of an individual's problem or disability.  | Related Services Documentation log                   |

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