

CHILDREN'S SPEECH & FEEDING THERAPY, INC.  
PATIENT INFORMATION FORM

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONAL

Name (Last, First): \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am paying privately for therapy \_\_\_\_\_ Yes (please provide Credit Card # below) \_\_\_\_\_ No (If no, please fill in insurance info below)

Primary Insurance or Credit Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy #: \_\_\_\_\_

Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Insured DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Pay: \_\_\_\_\_ Is a referral on file for this visit? \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # (only if paying privately) \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Pediatrician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

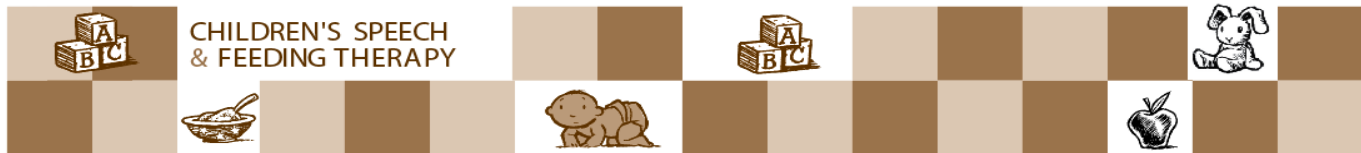
Pediatrician's Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Child's Medical Diagnostic Codes (e.g. prematurity, VSD, Autism, ADHD):

\_\_\_\_\_

I confirm all above information to be correct.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## OFFICE POLICIES and BILLING REQUIREMENTS

Thank you very much for choosing Children's Speech & Feeding Therapy, Inc. for your child's care. We look forward to providing quality evidence-based speech, language, and/or feeding therapy services to your child. We ask that you arrive on time for evaluation and therapy sessions as clinicians often have back-to-back therapy sessions and if you arrive late to your appointment we cannot extend your allocated time period. Additionally, if you are using insurance for your visit and arrive greater than 20 minutes late to a session, that session cannot be billed to insurance due to minimum minutes required for billing and you will therefore be charged the private pay rate of \$150.00 for that visit.

Therapy sessions end five minutes prior to the scheduled end of a session in order to discuss the therapy session and explain and provide caregivers with homework assignments. Completing homework assignments will expedite the therapy process and remember you are the "secret weapon" to helping move your child's therapy along.

### BILLING

We are Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) and Harvard Pilgrim providers only; however, this is not a guarantee of payment. Families are responsible to inquire about their individual benefits and whether they will be reimbursed for any services received in our office. In the event that claims are not paid, you are responsible for payment in full. If your family has a deductible that must be reached in each calendar year, services will be applied to that deductible. Families with BCBS or HP will be billed any deductible, copayments or co-insurance that may apply. We will bill BCBS or HP for your child's assessment. Unfortunately, they will not reimburse for the required treatment plan which is \$250.00, payable at the time of your child's initial evaluation and all subsequent re-evaluations.

Every insurance plan is unique and you are responsible for knowing how your plan works and what your speech, language and feeding coverage includes. It is not uncommon for some plans to require a written extension request if your child needs more visits beyond those initially approved. We will provide that documentation. That being said, some plans have a hard limit on how many visits your child can receive in a year and no extension request can change that. If you have a plan that is managed by your company, you may need to reach out to your human resources department for more information. In the event your visits are denied, you will be responsible for any non-covered services at private pay rates. Please provide our NPI number 1992862940 to process any needed referrals.

Families that do not carry BCBS or Harvard Pilgrim as their insurance are charged at a rate of \$800.00 for a comprehensive speech and language evaluation or a feeding evaluation for children over 24 months. Speech screenings and infant feeding and swallowing evaluations are charged at a rate of \$500.00. Payment in full is due on the day of your child's evaluation/consult.

A charge of \$150.00 per session of individual speech, language, and feeding therapy will be billed monthly for families paying privately for services. Feeding group (two hours) is billed at \$175.00 per group session. Phone consultations that exceed beyond 15 minutes in length will be pro-rated at \$150.00 per hour. You will receive a monthly statement reflecting any payments owed for services received.

A family seeking reimbursement from an insurance company other than Blue Cross Blue Shield or Harvard Pilgrim must understand that we are not responsible for billing that Insurance Company nor do we accept payments from that insurance company. You are considered private pay and will be billed monthly for your visit(s). Any reimbursement from an insurance company must be received directly by you. Payments must be made to us in a timely manner while you are attempting reimbursement from any other Insurance company.

Please note that we will not release any report unless your account is current.

Payment is due at the end of each month. Every new patient will receive an invitation to set up their child's individual client portal. Electronic invoices will be sent to you through the portal known as Therabill and will include a link to your client portal to complete payment. You can find electronic invoices for your records through this portal as well. If you would prefer, payment may be made by check payable to Children's Speech & Feeding Therapy, Inc., and left in the check box on the front desk.

Following a period of 60 days after bills have been submitted to your insurance company, if payment has not been received, you will be billed in full for your child's visits. We are a small company who can't float bills beyond this time period. If payment is received from your insurance company after this time period, you will be reimbursed in full.

All accounts that go beyond 60 days past due will be transferred to Transworld Systems, a national collection agency, for accounts receivable assistance. You will first receive a letter stating a past due balance. If from then on a balance remains unpaid you will continue to see collection activity until resolved. We ask that you call the office immediately if you find yourself in a financial situation for other payment options.

Off-site conferences (such as a school IEP meeting) will be pro-rated and billed at \$150.00/hour. If distance traveled exceeds fifteen minutes per leg, you will be billed the difference pro-rated at the \$150.00 rate.

Credit cards are kept on file for cancelled appointments and uncollected billed balances. If your card is not already on file please request a credit card form to fill out in order to continue to receive services.

## **VACCINATION REQUIREMENT**

We now require all eligible patients and their parents to receive their COVID-19 vaccine in order to receive services from Children's Speech & Feeding Therapy, Inc. All children five and older must have proof of their first vaccination by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to have an evaluation or continue to receive therapy services in our practice.

## **ATTENDANCE**

Consistent attendance is essential to success in therapy. Therefore, we require a minimum ongoing attendance of 80%. If you miss greater than 20% of your scheduled sessions, we reserve the right to terminate therapy services and pass your slot onto another waiting family.

Our clinic operates throughout the calendar year. This schedule provides children with the maximal opportunity for progress in therapy. Therefore, we only allow families to take up to two weeks off during the summer months.

## **ILLNESS**

Please do not bring your child to therapy when s/he is ill, has a fever, and/or a persistent cough. We ask that you assist us in minimizing exposure to other children and their families. We take children's temperatures at

the beginning of every therapy session and will cancel the session and send any child home with you if a fever is detected.

**NO SHOWS, CANCELLATIONS, and RE-SCHEDULING**

If you need to cancel an appointment, a twenty-four hour notice is required. All appointments missed without at least a twenty-four hour notice will be billed to you in full at the private pay rate of \$150.00. Only illness, severe weather conditions, or true family or medical emergencies will be accepted as reasons for missing appointments with less than twenty-four hours notice.

We follow the Needham Public School closings for inclement weather conditions. If the Needham Public School is closed for inclement weather then our office will be closed too. Otherwise, assume we are open unless you have received a call or email directly from your child's clinician or another member of our staff. Your attendance will be expected if we are open. We are also open during school vacation weeks and all summer. Please check with your child's clinician for any change in schedule due to individual holidays.

No shows to visits will be billed to you at the private pay rate of \$150.00. If you can reschedule your child's visit with their treating clinician within the same week of service this fee will be waived.

Please discuss re-scheduling options with your child's treating clinician.

I have read and accept the policies of Children's Speech & Feeding Therapy, Inc.

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Your Child's Name

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

**AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION**

**Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for Children's Speech & Feeding Therapy, Inc. to exchange information regarding my child with the following individual(s):**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of person/facility**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of person/facility**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Street address**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City/Town, State, Zip code**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**City/Town, State, Zip code**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone number**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Parent signature**

**Date**

**This release of information will be valid for a twelve month period from the date of signing.**

The following is a comprehensive questionnaire that we request you fill out prior to attending your feeding and swallowing assessment. Although we recognize it is lengthy, gathering this information ahead of time will allow more time for direct assessment of your child. Please be as detailed as possible. Not all questions will apply to all children. Please feel free to skip over all non-applicable questions.

Identifying Information:

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H): \_\_\_\_\_ (W/C): \_\_\_\_\_

Referral Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Pediatrician (including address):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your primary concern? (Check all that apply)

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not eating enough variety  | <input type="checkbox"/> Not eating enough volume                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating too much            | <input type="checkbox"/> Food refusal                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor growth                | <input type="checkbox"/> Transitioning from tube to oral feeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gagging                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avoiding whole food groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Only eats purees                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Only eats crunchy solids   | <input type="checkbox"/> Only drinks fluids                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aspiration                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Constipation                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushing intolerance               |

Birth History:

Full term       Premature (\_\_\_\_\_ weeks)

Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery       C-Section       Induced

Reason for C-section or induction: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any complications during pregnancy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Did your child have a NICU stay?  If so, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Did your child require oxygen?  If so, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

Was your child intubated?  If so, for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

When did your child leave the hospital? (with mother, other time)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Feeding History:

When did you first notice your child had difficulty eating? \_\_\_\_\_

As a newborn, was your child bottle fed/breast fed/tube fed?

How did that go? (i.e. refusal, gagging, vomiting, etc.)

When did you introduce purees? \_\_\_\_\_

How did that go? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you transition to chewable solids? \_\_\_\_\_

How did that go? \_\_\_\_\_

Current Feeding:

How does your child currently receive liquids? \_\_\_\_\_

If tube fed, what type of tube does your child currently use?

\_\_\_ ng-tube      \_\_\_ g-tube      \_\_\_ g-j-tube      \_\_\_ j-tube

If tube fed, please list type of formula, times of feedings, rate of feedings, and total volume of feedings (i.e. 120cc bolus over one hour, five times per day)

If fed orally or orally with supplemental tube feeding, please fill out the attached one-day food intake sheet (see attached)

Please indicate which foods your child currently avoids. (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_ fruits    \_\_\_ vegetables    \_\_\_ meats    \_\_\_ starches

\_\_\_ purees    \_\_\_ lumpy    \_\_\_ crunchy    \_\_\_ solid

\_\_\_ fluids    \_\_\_ mixed textures    \_\_\_ salty    \_\_\_ sweet

\_\_\_ spicy

Typical Mealtime:

Who does your child eat with?

Where does your child eat?

Do you use the television, toys, etc. as distractions during meals?

What is the general feeling at your mealtimes? (pleasant, stressful, power struggle)

Developmental History:

Does your child currently receive any therapy services?

Therapy                      Frequency                      Location                      Treating Clinician

\_\_\_ Speech/Language

\_\_\_ OT

\_\_\_ PT

\_\_\_ Feeding therapy

\_\_\_ Dev'l Educator

\_\_\_ Other

At what age did your child...?

Babble: \_\_\_\_\_

Say first words: \_\_\_\_\_

Combine words: \_\_\_\_\_

How well do familiar and unfamiliar listeners understand your child?

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have concerns regarding how your child understands language? (i.e. follow directions, comprehend concepts, etc.)

At what age did your child...?

Sit up unsupported: \_\_\_\_\_

Crawl: \_\_\_\_\_

Walk: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child feed him/herself? \_\_\_\_\_

Medical History:

Does your child currently have a diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, please list:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any foods we may NOT offer your child due to personal food diets, religious preferences, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medications your child takes:

Types: \_\_\_\_\_

Amounts: \_\_\_\_\_

Time given: \_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had a hearing test? \_\_\_\_\_ What were the results? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child currently or has your child ever had ear tubes?

\_\_\_\_\_

Has your child had any surgeries? \_\_\_\_\_ When did they occur and what were they for?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





**Please bring one preferred food item, one non-preferred food item and your child's formula, bottle or cup to the appointment.**

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Please fill out the following chart by listing all of your children's food items in the appropriate columns based on acceptance – always accepts, accepts intermittently, or used to eat, but doesn't now. Please also include a "wish list". While in an ideal world your child would eat everything without complaint, please list foods that would change your world if your child ate them (e.g. foods you eat as a family but s/he doesn't eat, foods for social occasions, etc.)

<b>Always Accepts</b>	<b>Accepts Intermittently</b>	<b>Used to eat but doesn't now</b>	<b>Wishlist</b>

**DIRECTIONS TO CHILDREN'S SPEECH & FEEDING THERAPY:**  
145 Rosemary Street, Needham, MA 02494 (Rosemary Office Park)

**FROM THE WEST:**

**Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 14 (Interstate 95/Route 128). After the tolls, follow the signs for Route 95/128 South. Exit Route 95/128 South at exit 19C (Highland Ave, Needham). This exit will bring you onto Highland Avenue traveling toward Needham. Continue on Highland Avenue for about a mile. Turn right on Rosemary Street. We are located in Building C of the Rosemary Office Park.**

**FROM THE EAST:**

**Take the Massachusetts Turnpike to Exit 14 (Interstate 95/Route 128). After the tolls, follow the signs for Route 95/128 South. Exit Route 95/128 South at exit 19C (Highland Ave, Needham). This exit will bring you onto Highland Avenue traveling toward Needham. Continue on Highland Avenue for about a mile. Turn right on Rosemary Street. We are located in Building C of the Rosemary Office Park.**

**FROM THE NORTH:**

**Take Route 95 South to exit 19C (Highland Ave, Needham). This exit will bring you onto Highland Avenue traveling toward Needham. Continue on Highland Avenue for about a mile. Turn right on Rosemary Street. We are located in Building C of the Rosemary Office Park.**

**FROM THE SOUTH:**

**Take Route 95 North to exit 19C (Highland Ave, Needham). This exit will bring you onto Highland Avenue traveling toward Needham. Continue on Highland Avenue for about a mile. Turn right on Rosemary Street. We are located in Building C of the Rosemary Office Park.**