

FOR HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES WITH TEFA FUNDS

YOU CAN PAY FOR SPEECH THERAPY WITH YOUR TEFA VOUCHER. IF INSURANCE DOESN'T ALREADY.

596 therapy providers are on the state's list; 39 say "TEFA" on their own site. The rule that decides whether the account pays: Odyssey covers therapy only when Medicaid, CHIP, or your insurance does not.

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what your public school district still owes your child after you take TEFA,

in the words of the federal rule, and

the sentence districts are telling parents that isn't true.

WHAT TEFA PAYS FOR

✓ Speech, occupational, behavioral, physical therapy from a listed provider

✗ Any therapy your insurance, Medicaid, or CHIP would cover

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

SPEECH THERAPY ONLINE

You want sessions from home, anywhere in Texas.
Trinity Therapy and Diagnostician Services (says TEFA and Odyssey)
Pep Talk Pediatrics (New Braunfels, says TEFA).

SPEECH THERAPY IN PERSON

Utley Speech Therapy (Castroville; hourly rates published)
City Speech Center (Dallas)
Evolve Therapy Connections (Hereford; from \$30)
All say TEFA and name their licensure.

DYSLEXIA THERAPY

Your kid has a dyslexia diagnosis, or you suspect one.
Blume Ed Consulting (Conroe)
School of Lexia (Mansfield)
Evergrow Language and Literacy (Spring)
All say TEFA.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Utley Speech Therapy (speech and OT)
Dimensions of Therapy (Missouri City)
Both say TEFA.

AN EVALUATION FIRST

Trinity Therapy and Diagnostician Services (online),
or your school district: federal law still requires it to evaluate your child, free (page 2).

Not the only ones: 596 are on the list, 39 say TEFA. These fit each situation and name a license; the full list by city is online.

TWO CHECKS BEFORE YOU BOOK

1 "Is this billable to any coverage we have?"
If yes, TEFA won't pay.

2 Is the therapist licensed?
Ask for the license number (CCC-SLP, OTR).

Before you book:

coverage checked, license number in hand, session ordered through Odyssey.

FROM HERE TO THE FIRST SESSION, THIS WEEK

The insurance question, the provider, the order. The IEP rule at the end.

1. ASK THE INSURANCE QUESTION (COPY IT)

"Before we book: is this session billable to Medicaid, CHIP, or our insurance? If it is, TEFA won't pay for it. And is it billed through the Odyssey marketplace?"

2. PICK FROM WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS

If your child needs	Already saying TEFA
Speech therapy, online	Trinity Therapy and Diagnostician Services (says TEFA and Odyssey) · Pep Talk Pediatrics (New Braunfels)
Speech therapy, in person	Utlely Speech Therapy (Castroville) · City Speech Center (Dallas) · Evolve Therapy Connections (Hereford; from \$30)
Dyslexia therapy	Blume Ed Consulting (Conroe) · School of Lexia (Mansfield) · Evergrow Language and Literacy (Spring)
Occupational therapy	Utlely Speech Therapy (speech and OT) · Dimensions of Therapy (Missouri City)
An evaluation first	Trinity (online), or your school district, free (see below)

3. ORDER THROUGH THE MARKETPLACE

1 In Odyssey, search the provider's exact name and open the session listing.

2 Order in Odyssey, not at the clinic. TEFA pays the provider; it never pays you back.

HAVE AN IEP? WHAT TEFA PAYS, AND WHAT THE DISTRICT STILL OWES YOU

The up-to-\$30,000 special-education add-on is for the private-school setting only, calculated from the IEP your district has on file with TEA. No IEP on file, no add-on. Homeschool is \$2,000 a year, IEP or not.

What the district still owes you (34 CFR 300.131):

"Each LEA must locate, identify, and evaluate all children with disabilities who are enrolled by their parents in private, including religious, elementary schools and secondary schools located in the school district." Texas treats homeschools as private schools.

What it doesn't (300.137):

no "individual right to receive some or all of the special education and related services." Evaluation yes; services no.

The sentence that isn't true:

a parent in one TEFA group was told her ISD "can no longer maintain the child's IEP" and does no evaluations for private students. The evaluation half contradicts 300.131. Ask in writing and cite the rule.

Sources: support.withodyssey.com (therapy coverage rule, purchases through the platform); educationfreedom.texas.gov (special-education award rules, private-school notice); finder.educationfreedom.texas.gov (596 therapy vendors, Sept 16, 2026); vendor sites crawled Sept 17, 2026; 34 CFR 300.131 and 300.137 (law.cornell.edu); Texas TEFA parent group posts Aug 15 to Sept 18, 2026.

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