
MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM Information Bulletin, MSP-013

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Speech CFY Issue Finally Resolved

After a long and drawn out debate regarding whether MSP reimbursement could be obtained for Speech Therapists in their Clinical Fellowship Year (CFY), the Ohio Office of Medical Assistance has finally ruled that CFY's can bill under the Medicaid School Program. CFY services can be billed through MSP under the same billing guidelines as Occupational Therapy Assistants and Physical Therapy Assistants do, which requires the billing documentation to be co-signed by their supervising therapist. Beginning with the 2013/14 school year, we will be adding the co-signing feature to all CFY therapists.

MSP Parental Consent Change

MSP Parental Consent is no longer required each time the IEP changes. Signed Parental Consent is only required one time, and is valid for the entire time the student is receiving services within the district. If the student attends another district, a new signed Parental Consent must be obtained. An annual MSP Parental Consent Notification is required to be provided to the parent that explains the parent rights under the IDEA Parental Consent.

MSP Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

All MSP therapists that are employed by a school district (Non-ESC or Non-Contracted) are included in the statewide Random Moment Time Study. This time study system computes the percent of time that Ohio MSP therapists spend doing Medicaid reimbursable activities. Individuals that do not complete their time study questionnaire will generate a zero for the moment, which will decrease the overall reimbursable percentage for all districts. When you are selected for RMTS, please complete your time study.

Signing the IEP

Please remember that MSP requires that the IEP be signed by each therapist that recommends the service. During the first two years of MSP audits, 90% of the audit adjustments were a result of students receiving therapy services, but the IEP was not signed by a licensed therapist. Even if you do not attend the IEP meeting, there is a place on the IEP for the therapist to sign. Therapy services should not be listed on the IEP unless they are recommended by a licensed therapist.

Version 5 Software Upgrade

We continually upgrade our billing software to improve efficiency and provide the best product possible to our clients. Our latest upgrade to our web-based documentation system includes enhancements that have been requested from therapists from various school districts. The Version 5 upgrade includes modifications to existing reports, newly created reports, and some minor modifications to some of the documentation features. Please click on the Release Notes link on the main menu for specific enhancements. This is your software and we always welcome suggestions and ideas for future software upgrades.

Client Referrals

If you like our software and billing services, please do not hesitate to tell other districts about HBS. We do very little marketing, and our current users are our best form of advertising. Remember that HBS is an Ohio company and we have been serving Ohio schools for the past 25 years. We are very fortunate to have a loyal client base and we appreciate your recommendation to other districts.

Customer Support

Our team at HBS would like to wish you and your staff a great 2013/14 school year. If there is anything that we can do, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our phone number is (740) 653-6711, fax is (740) 653-1272, and our website is www.TeamHBS.com. Individual email addresses are listed on our website, and also, do not hesitate to use the "Ask HBS a Question" feature within our billing software. Thank you and have a great year.

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