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## MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM Information Bulletin, MSP-014

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### **NPI Numbers**

All MSP therapists must obtain a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. This is a Federal provider registration and all medical therapists across the country are required to apply. It is a simple online registration that can be completed in just a few minutes. Detailed instructions are listed in our MSP web-based system along with a link to the Federal registration website. Many therapists have already applied and have provided us with their 10-digit NPI number. We will be sending each district a list of therapists that have not yet provided us with their NPI number.

### **New Parental Consent Form**

ODE will soon be adding a new form (PR-10) to the IDEA packet of Special Education intake forms. The new "PR-10 PARENTAL CONSENT TO SHARE HEALTH INFORMATION FOR THE OHIO MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM" form should be signed by the parent when they sign the "PR-05 PARENT CONSENT FOR EVALUATION". By adding this form to the IDEA intake process, we are hopeful that we will get more forms signed. There are still a large number of Medicaid students receiving MSP services with no signed Parental Consent. Each unsigned form has the potential to decrease the amount of MSP reimbursement that your district can generate. A copy of the "draft" form is listed on our web-based system, and is also attached to this email. This draft form can be used until ODE officially releases the final form.

### **Interim Claiming**

MSP Interim Claiming has become increasingly important, as the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) has begun limiting the amount of Final Settlement reimbursement based on Interim Claiming. ODM would like to see more MSP dollars paid during Interim Claiming and less dollars paid out in the Final Settlement. Therapists must document for all students each month, as non-billing will result in non-allowable costs, which will decrease Medicaid reimbursement. HBS sends quarterly reports to all districts showing who is documenting services and how much. It is critical that therapists document for all ETR and IEP services that they provide to all students.

### **Final Settlements**

The majority of the Final Settlements for the first two MSP program years were processed at the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014. All Cost Reports and AUP Audits have been submitted to ODE/ODM for the 2011/12 school fiscal year (third MSP year), and we are hopeful that ODM will soon be processing this year of MSP Final Settlements by calendar year end. We also continue to work with ODM on the Back-claiming computation and methodology for those districts that continued to document services during the Medicaid program shutdown from 2005 to 2009.

### **2012/13 MSP Cost Report/AUP Audit**

We are currently working on the MSP Cost Reports for the 2012/13 school year (Year 4). We have many of these reports completed and ready to submit to ODE/ODM, but we are waiting on ODE/ODM to process the Medicaid Eligibility Rates (MER) for this period. As soon as this information becomes available, AUP audits will begin. Our goal is to have the 2012/13 MSP Cost Reports filed by 12/31/14 and start the 2013/2014 MSP Cost Reports shortly thereafter.

### **MSP Program Expansion**

The Ohio Medicaid School Program is about to wrap up its "5-Year Rule Review". After this process is completed, and after the next round of settlements are processed, the State has tentatively agreed to look into MSP program expansion. This could open up the possibility of expanding reimbursable MSP services to include Delegated Nursing and Personal Care services. This has the potential to generate some sizable increases in Medicaid reimbursement. We will keep you informed on the progress with MSP expansion.

### **MSP "Special Transportation" Reimbursement**

As part of the 5-year Rule Review, we were able to get certain language removed from the rules, and beginning with the 2014/15 school year, specialized transportation is now billable under the Medicaid School Program. Specialized transportation must be listed in the student's IEP, and the vehicle must be specially adapted for the students' disability. Please let us know if you need more information on this new reimbursable service.

### **State Provider Enrollment**

The Affordable Care Act, (Obama Care), requires that all medical practitioners who order, refer, or prescribe (ORP) medical services must enroll in the State Medicaid Program as a provider. For the Medicaid School Program, this would include all Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, and Physical Therapists. We are trying to get Ohio to waive this requirement for MSP therapists, due to IEP services being prescribed by the IEP Team, and not an individual therapist. We are currently getting a legal opinion and negotiating with ODM on this issue. We will keep you informed of any outcome.

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