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To: Ohio School Districts, ESCs and Community School Sponsors

From: Medicaid Schools Program, Ohio Department of Education

Date: Jan. 21, 2016

Subject: Medicaid Schools Program (MSP) Requirements (Ordering, Referring and Prescribing)

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced a change in reimbursement practices concerning the Medicaid Schools Program (MSP). **The federal change impacts your Medicaid-eligible students with individualized education programs (IEPs) in the 2016-2017 school year.** A webcast, hosted by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, is scheduled for noon on Jan. 27, and will provide information and additional details regarding the change. Register here for the webcast.

As you are aware, the Medicaid School Program reimburses your district for services that eligible children ages three to 21 years old receive. A student with disabilities in your district obtains these services through an IEP, which a team at the student's school develops.

The change requires that all services submitted for reimbursement under the Medicaid School Program must be ordered, prescribed or referred by a physician or licensed practitioner of the healing arts. Additionally, the individual prescribing or referring the service (i.e., a physician or licensed practitioner of the healing arts) must be an official Medicaid billing provider with a National Provider Identification number.

Beginning Aug. 1, 2016, all Medicaid claims must contain the name and National Provider Identifier of the practitioner who ordered the service. Services provided pursuant to an IEP without an express prescription or referral from a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts will no longer be reimbursable by Medicaid. Here is the federal notification to Ohio about this change.

Please contact SchoolMedicaid@education.ohio.gov with questions.

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