



Accelerating Medicaid Revenue
for School Districts Nationwide.



Federal and State Changes Affecting School Districts' Medicaid
Reimbursement Claims



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General Medicaid Data

Fee For Service Claims (2007 data)

District Revenue Ranking	Revenue per Medicaid Eligible SE Student
Highest	\$981.50
Average	\$105.53
Lowest	Less than \$2.00
FLORIDA TOTAL	\$10,243,144.06
Accelify Average	\$168.42

SDAC Claims (2007 data)

District Revenue Ranking	Revenue per Medicaid Eligible SE Student
Highest	\$859.13
Average	\$304.10
Lowest	\$25.26
FLORIDA TOTAL	\$40,725,389.00
Accelify Average	\$366.20



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Federal Changes

CMS 2287-F

- Regulation published on June 1, 2009 by the Obama administration, CMS 2287-F will be rescinded as of June 30, 2009
- Schools will still be able to submit Medicaid claims for administrative outreach costs incurred
- Schools will also be able to claim the out-of-pocket costs incurred providing transportation services to Medicaid-eligible ESE students



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Federal Changes

ARRA / Stimulus Package

- 👉 The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will significantly increase each State's FMAP rate for the period from October 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010
- 👉 Florida's FMAP was increased from 56.83% to 67.64%

<http://statehealthfacts.kff.org/comparemapdetail.jsp?ind=695&cat=4&sub=154&yr=90&typ=2&cha=1573>



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Federal Changes

Increases in Medicaid Eligibility

- ✦ The number of people qualifying for Medicaid has steadily increased over the past year
- ✦ States have experienced 15%-20% increases in number of people enrolled in Medicaid programs (e.g., Colorado: 18.85%; Florida: 15.97%)

www.topix.com/med/preventive-medicine/2009/05/more-people-using-medicaid
http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/deputy_secretary/recent_presentations/governors_budget_rec_hhca_030509.pdf



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Federal Changes

Charter School Increases

- ✦ The number of charter schools continues to increase in most States
- ✦ Total number now approximately 4,500 nationwide
- ✦ In Florida, number of charter schools has grown from 5 in 1996 to 389 in 2009 – with more than 50 of them having been opened during the 2008-2009 school year



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Private Education Reimbursement

- ✦ The U.S. Supreme Court expected to render a decision in near future concerning whether parents of Special Education students must enroll a student in the local public school district's educational program before they can move the child to a private educational program and seek reimbursement for their out-of-pocket costs
- ✦ Decision could have huge fiscal implications for local school districts



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Federal Changes


Parental Consent

- States continuing to develop various interpretations of the Federal requirement concerning Parental Consent
- States like Wisconsin have developed somewhat complex forms and procedures for obtaining Parental Consent
- Florida moving to much simpler policies: For example, school districts only have to obtain a Parental Consent to determine the ESE student's Medicaid eligibility but don't need consent for Medicaid billing.

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-5396/DPS-2009-090.pdf>



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State Changes Affecting
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State Funding Cutbacks

- ❖ Faced with massive cutbacks in State funding, many school districts forced to reduce staffing – and/or eliminate many extracurricular activities
- ❖ In Florida, schools have collectively lost more than \$1.5 billion in State funding since beginning of 2008-2009 school year
- ❖ In conjunction with cutbacks, some districts mistakenly allocating IDEA-Part B funds to pay for budgetary items that are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement, thereby making those costs non-claimable: e.g., the salaries of clinicians/therapists



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State Changes

Cost-Based Rate System for FFS Claiming

- 👉 Florida considering whether to implement a cost-based rate system for Fee-For-Service claiming
- 👉 As of now, school districts can use a State-approved formula to analyze how current reimbursement rates compare to actual costs – and request a rate change if the analysis indicates current rates are too low



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State Changes

Medicaid Eligibility Rates

- Starting with 2009-2010 School Year, school districts will have an alternative method for obtaining Medicaid Eligibility Rates (MERs) for School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)
- Previously they had to use the applicable County MER rates provided by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) on a monthly basis
- Now they can keep track of their own ESE Student Count and Medicaid-eligible ESE Student Count on a monthly basis which can represent a significant increase in the Medicaid Eligible Rate (MER) percentage



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State Changes

Evaluations

- 👉 Evaluations now claimable if ESE student's IEP references the need for an evaluation – and evaluation results in services actually being provided to the student
- 👉 Contrarily, evaluations are not claimable if the student does not have an IEP – and/or if the IEP does not reference the need for an evaluation



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State Changes

Speech/Language Therapist Qualifications

- 👉 Applicable qualifications for Speech/Language Therapists will be changing
- 👉 Although AHCA has not published any new guidelines, it indicated that all such Therapists will be required to have Certificate of Competency in order for their services to be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement



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State Changes

From Code 13 to Code 11

- 🔹 Code 13 has been used whenever a Time Study participant was not scheduled to work – or was on unpaid leave – at the time of the Sample Moment
- 🔹 Code 11 - Educational will now be used in these circumstances