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To:

School-Based Services Providers

From:

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Subject:

School-Based Services Reimbursement Changes

Beginning July 1, 2013, the new Medicaid benefits for school-based services begin and developmental therapy and intensive behavior intervention services end.

New Services

Beginning July 1, 2013, the following services replace developmental therapy and intensive behavioral intervention in schools:

Behavioral Intervention

Behavioral intervention is used to promote the student's ability to participate in educational services through a consistent, assertive, and continuous intervention process. It includes developing replacement behaviors to prevent or treat behavioral conditions of students who exhibit maladaptive behaviors. Services include individual or group behavioral interventions.

Behavioral Consultation

Behavioral consultation helps other service professionals by allowing them to consult with the individualized education plan team during the assessment process, perform advanced assessments, discuss how to implement the behavior implementation plan, and provide ongoing training for the behavioral interventionist and other team members.

The above services may be provided to children with developmental disabilities who meet the eligibility requirements outlined in IDAPA 16.03.09.851. Provider qualifications for behavioral intervention and behavioral consultation are outlined in IDAPA 16.03.09.854. The approved eligibility assessments for Medicaid behavioral intervention and consultation services are the:

- Scales of Independent Behavior Revised
- Vineland-II Adaptive Behavior Scales
- Adaptive Behavior Scale
- Preschool & Kindergarten Behavior Scale
- Behavior Assessment System for Children, Second Edition
- Emotional & Behavior Problem Scale
- Achenbach System of Empirically Based Assessment
- Connors; Comprehensive Behavior Rating Scales
- Devereux Early Childhood assessment Clinical Form

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Revision to Personal Care Services (PCS)

To ensure consistency with community providers and alignment with other state practices, the PCS policies include the following revisions:

- Schools must use a PCS assessment approved by the Department to determine eligibility. The approved assessment is located on the <u>Medicaid School-Based Services web page</u>.
- Schools must use the PCS allocation tool approved by the Department to determine the amount of PCS a child is able to access. The approved allocation tool is located on the <u>Medicaid School-Based</u> <u>Services web page</u>.
- If a child has a developmental disability and requires PCS to address activity of daily living goals (listed on the PCS assessment), schools may be reimbursed for planning the task analysis, as well as monitoring the goals provided by a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP).

Billing Code and Rate Changes

- Psychotherapy codes change to align with the community provider fee schedule.
- Personal care services codes added for the new QIDP activity and change to align with the community provider fee schedule.
- Behavioral intervention and consultation codes added for the new services.
- Codes that previously required two modifiers now only require one modifier.
- All coding must align with national coding descriptions and unit limitations. Therefore, schools should be aware that some codes are set at 1 unit = 15 minutes and other codes are 1 unit = 1 visit.

Resources

To help schools learn about the changes and prepare for implementation, the following resources are available:

- The Department has collaborated with the State Department of Education to deliver a series of webinar trainings.
- All training materials, forms, and guidelines are available on both the <u>Idaho Training Clearinghouse</u> website and the Medicaid School-Based Services web page.
- All providers can sign up for the "monitor this page" option on the Medicaid School-Based Services web page to receive notifications when a change is made to the page.

For services provided on or after July 1, 2013, please refer to the <u>Medicaid Fee Schedule web page</u>. Provider rates and codes for school-based services are located under the Provider Reimbursement Rates tab on the right side of the screen. Providers can access the new school-based services fee schedule starting July 1, 2013.

If you have questions about this information, please contact the Alternative Care Coordinator in the Bureau of Developmental Disability Services at the Division of Medicaid at (208) 287-1169.

Thank you for participating in the Idaho Medicaid Program.