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To: District of Columbia Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO)
From: Melisa Byrd, Senior Deputy Director and Medicaid Director *M.B.*
Date: February 28, 2024
Subject: **D.C. Medicaid claims for SBHS must contain the NPI of an enrolled ordering/referring/prescribing provider**

Purpose

The purpose of this transmittal is to inform the D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), D.C. Public School System (DCPS), D.C. Public Charter Schools, and D.C. non-public schools, that, effective September 2, 2024, as a condition of receiving D.C. Medicaid reimbursement for school-based health service (SBHS) claims, all such claims must contain the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the provider that ordered, referred, or prescribed such services, **and** that such provider must be duly enrolled in the D.C. Medicaid program.

Background

Sections 1905(a) and 1903(c) of the Social Security Act permit Medicaid payment for SBHS provided to children under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) through a child's individualized education plan (IEP). Under 42 C.F.R. Secs. 455.410 and 455.440, the Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF), as the Single State Medicaid Agency for the District of Columbia, must require (1) that all SBHS claims include the NPI of the licensed physician or other applicable provider type (licensed health practitioner within the scope of practice under D.C. law) who ordered or referred such items or services, **and** (2) that such provider be **enrolled** with the D.C. Medicaid program.

Applicable School Based Health Services and Provider Types

The following SBHS and corresponding provider types are subject to the requirements set forth in this transmittal as follows:

Table 1

School Based Health Service	Provider Types Eligible to Order, Refer, Prescribe.
Audiology	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Audiologist
Behavioral Supports	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Clinical Psychologist, D.C. Licensed Clinical Social Worker
Nutrition Services	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Dietician
Occupational Therapy	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Occupational Therapist
Orientation and Mobility	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Optometrist
Physical Therapy	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Physical Therapist
Psychological Evaluation	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Clinical Psychologist
Skilled Nursing	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Nurse Practitioner
Specialized Transportation	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Audiologist, D.C. Licensed Clinical Psychologist, D.C. Licensed Clinical Social Worker, D.C. Licensed Dietician, D.C. Licensed Occupational Therapist, D.C. Licensed Optometrist, D.C. Licensed Nurse Practitioner
Speech-Language Pathology	D.C. Licensed Physician M.D., D.C. Licensed Speech Language Pathologist, D.C. Licensed Audiologist

All services listed in Table 1 are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Evaluations and reevaluations to determine if a D.C. Medicaid enrolled student requires the above services are covered if it results in the subject service being included in their Individualized Education Plan.

Provider Enrollment

All provider types listed in Table 1 are, as of the date of this transmittal, eligible to enroll in the D.C. Medicaid program. For purposes of complying with the requirements of this transmittal, the provider types listed in Table 1 are only required to enroll as ordering, referring, or prescribing providers. DHCF offers a streamlined enrollment application for school-based ordering, referring,

and prescribing providers at <https://www.dcpdms.com/Account/Login.aspx>. There is no application fee associated with the streamlined application.

Contact

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