



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of Management and Finance

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 18, 2013

To: LEA Superintendents

From: Kathy Kliebert, Secretary, Department of Health and Hospitals
Stephen Osborn, Assistant Superintendent, Louisiana Department of Education
SO/HA

RE: Medicaid Reimbursement for Behavioral Health Services

We are pleased to announce that we are working quickly to resolve the behavioral health cost recovery process for all LEAs participating in the Louisiana Behavioral Health Partnership through Magellan Health Care (Statewide Management Organization for DHH). Effective immediately, your district's behavioral health Medicaid claims will be processed electronically from the data recorded in the LDOE Special Education Records/Related Services Medicaid (SER/RSM) system. These monthly data transfers from LDOE to Magellan Health Care will provide you with monthly interim Medicaid payments for the eligible behavioral/mental health services provided by your staff for students with disabilities. LEAs will not be required to prepare and/or submit any additional reports to receive these interim payments and there is no need for a third party billing agent or vendor in order to participate in this program. The process will be completed on your behalf and approved claims will be paid directly to your LEA for services provided.

In order to finalize the claims submissions and interim payment process on your behalf, LEAs must complete the following:

- Enter all behavioral health services/encounters into the LDOE SER/RSM system in accordance with the IEP before the 1st of each month for claims beginning September 1, 2013.

*Note: Covered services rendered between August 1, 2012 and July 31, 2013 are also eligible for interim payments if the authorizing IEP is still current and the data is entered into the SER/RSM system within the 12 months allowed by CMS. For example, services provided in August of 2012 must be claimed before August 31, 2013. **LEAs cannot receive Medicaid reimbursement for eligible behavioral health services unless claims data is recorded in SER/RSM, and submitted by LDOE to Magellan in this manner.***

- LEAs must agree to the LDOE transfer of service data and Tax ID number from LDOE to Magellan Healthcare for the claims process. An affirmative e-mail response to Leslie.Jewell@la.gov, at LDOE will serve as your authorization to share the information.

LEAs must remember this only completes the interim billing portion of the payment cycle. All participating LEAs must submit the DHH Cost Report at the end of the year to remain compliant with program regulations. If an LEA did not participate in the interim payment process indicated above, they will not be eligible for a cost settlement. The cost settlement should result in additional reimbursement for your district since interim payments are generally less than your actual cost for providing the services.

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