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- Medicaid in Schools Member Resources
- Therapy Assistant Services

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The latest *Medicaid Billing...*

Tool Kit: [March 30, 2012](#)

Guidebook: [July 2011](#)

Schools' IEP Reimbursements Report as of [12/31/2011](#)

Learning Connection: IDOE Medicaid In Schools Community - your online connection to School-based Medicaid Announcements, Files & Bookmarks, Forum and an Events Calendar.

Coming Soon...

IEP Transportation Claims Adjustment Update

Federally Mandated Medicaid Provider Enrollment Change Impacts All Schools

To remain compliant with State law IC 12-15-1-16 [which requires each school corporation to enroll as a Medicaid provider, regardless whether it opts to bill for IEP services], Indiana LEAs will need to complete and submit Medicaid provider enrollment revalidation paperwork when notified by the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP).

Some LEAs may be unaware of their prior enrollment as a

Medicaid provider; some may not have updated their Medicaid provider records since the 1990s. To learn more about the upcoming Medicaid provider enrollment revalidation process, read the FAQ and Announcement on this topic at the Announcements and Files & Bookmarks Tabs in the Medicaid in Schools Community on the IDOE Learning Connection. Not a member? Anyone with Learning Connection access may join!

IEP Services Reimbursements per LEA

Curious to know how much Indiana's Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) receive in Medicaid reimbursements for IEP services? Find out in the [School Corp Medicaid Report](#), under **General Information** on the IDOE's [School-based Medicaid Web page](#): <http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/individualized-learning/school-based-medicaid>.

The School Corp Medicaid Report is updated twice a year and, in addition to reporting total IEP reimbursements (state and federal \$) per LEA, it includes the Special Education child count and the Medicaid-enrolled student count for each school corporation, charter and

state school. Local staff may find this report helpful to contact similarly situated schools for insider information such as: 1) benefits and hassles of Medicaid claiming for covered IEP services, 2) details about services and systems offered by various medical billing agents employed by Indiana school districts, and 3) tips for incorporating Medicaid claiming into day-to-day business operations at the staff, building, district and special education cooperative levels.

See the first page of this report for the total number of LEAs billing Medicaid, how reimbursement works, and rates for commonly billed IEP services.

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Did you know?

- Indiana Action for Healthy Kids and CKF-IN will host a **school health conference**, “[Promising Practices: Partnering for Healthier Schools](#),” June 18 & 19, 2012, at Marriott Indpls North
- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Medicaid **PERM Audits** and a list of federal contractors involved is available in the FAQ folder under Files & Bookmarks in the Medicaid in Schools Community on IDOE's Learning Connection

- The Medicaid Billing **Tool Kit** for IEP Services was updated March 2012 with hyperlinks to IDOE's new Web site

In future issues:

Final Part B Reg on Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid



**Quarter 1, 2012:
about 3.5% of
staff time spent
on IndianaMAC
reimbursable
administrative
activities**

First Quarter IndianaMAC Reimbursements to LEAs

Results of the first ever IndianaMAC statewide random moment time study indicate that, on average, school staff in Indiana spend about 3.5% of their typical work day performing Medicaid Administrative activities for which federal funds are available. To allow Indiana schools to claim these funds, the State Medicaid and Education agencies recently implemented a federally approved claiming methodology.

The new statewide MAC methodology, using one system and one vendor, simplifies documentation for participating LEAs and helps minimize ad-

verse audit risks associated with inconsistent claim coding and calculation.

Seventy-one LEAs (public school corporations and charter schools) participated in the initial quarter of IndianaMAC (Medicaid Administrative) Claiming and are poised to recover almost \$212,000 in unrestricted federal funds for Federal Fiscal Year Quarter 1. Individual LEA reimbursements for FFY Quarter 1 (Oct–Dec 2011) are expected to range from \$67 to \$29,942, based on multiple factors such as: the number of LEA staff involved in claimable activities;

allowable salary, benefit and support staff costs for school employees and contractors performing MAC activities; the LEA's unrestricted indirect cost rate and percentage of Medicaid-eligible students.

Seven more LEAs began MAC participation in FFY Quarter 2, with another seven beginning in Quarter 3 (Apr-June 2012). The next sign up opportunity will be in Aug/Sept of 2012. Watch the Medicaid in Schools Announcements in Learning Connection or contact John Hill, jhill@doe.in.gov or Tracy Brunner, tbrunner@doe.in.gov for more information.

IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community Member Resources

Are you a member? IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community members can access Learning Connection resources not found on the IDOE public Web site. Recent additions to this community's Files & Bookmarks include changes to Medicaid Waiver waiting list policy and a new number for the Indiana Family Helpline; links to Medicaid content from the National Association of

State Directors of Special Education, American Association of School Administrators, National School Boards Association and Council for Exceptional Children; and answers to Indiana schools' Frequently Asked Questions about Medicaid "PERM" audits, Medicaid provider enrollment requirements, and Medicaid Claiming (both MAC and IEP services). And, links to old "Favorites"

now connect with their new Web addresses. The Medicaid in Schools Events Calendar and Announcements let you know at a glance what's new in School-based Medicaid, in Indiana and across the U.S. Anyone with a Learning Connection account is welcome to become a member of this growing community! Consult your local IT administrator for Learning Connection access.

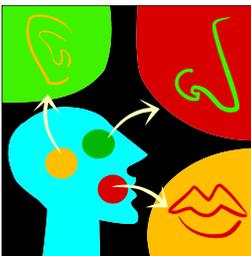
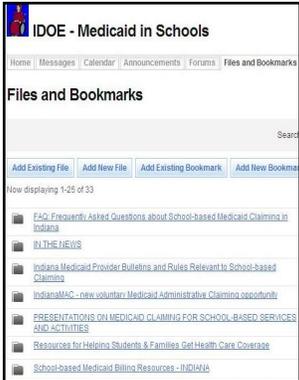
Medicaid Covers Services Provided by Therapy Assistants

Although paid at a lower rate than services provided by a licensed therapist, IEP therapy services performed by a qualified therapy assistant are covered by Indiana Medicaid when the COTA or PTA is practicing within his or her scope of licensure under the supervision of a licensed therapist and when SLP Support Personnel are practicing within their scope of licensure under the supervision of a licensed, certified Speech-Language Pathologist or Audiologist. Supervision requirements vary by type of

licensure and type of therapy; and Medicaid supervision requirements sometimes differ from state practice act or licensure requirements. Note: to be reimbursed by Medicaid the therapist must perform all therapy evaluations and develop the plan of care (describing amount, duration and frequency) for needed Medicaid-reimbursed IEP services.

For details about which therapy services Medicaid covers when performed by a therapy assistant, review the service-

specific chapters of the [Medicaid Billing Tool Kit](#) for IEP Services. Chapters 3 through 6 describe coverage, limitations, provider qualifications and billing requirements for the following IEP services: Chapter 3-Audiology; 4-Physical Therapy; 5-Speech Therapy; and 6-Occupational Therapy. The Tool Kit is accessible online at IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page: <http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/individualized-learning/school-based-medicaid>.



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to school corporations, charters and state schools that opt to participate in Medicaid claiming. The Department also offers insight and information to schools not yet participating but interested to learn about Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, sample forms, reports, presentations, parent info sheets, quarterly newsletters and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with IDOE staff contact information for answers to questions about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and administrative activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school district's Learning Connection administrator with questions about account access.



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Conference Connections — Medicaid & Special Education

Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education, Spring Informational Meeting — April 23, 2012
<http://www.icase.org/>

National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) — October 9-12, 2012
Providence, Rhode Island
<http://medicaidforeducation.org/>

School-based Medicaid Across the Nation

School-based Medicaid claiming data is the subject of two current national surveys: The **National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME, Inc)** is compiling state-by-state IEP service and school Medicaid reimbursement data from Medicaid and Education agencies in a 5th biennial survey; and the **California State Department of Health Care Services** is collecting Medicaid reimbursement and State Plan Amendment details in an [annual survey of school-based Medicaid claiming programs required by the California State Legislature](#). Both organizations are working to supply recent and accurate information to policy makers, the general public and public schools interested in claiming reimbursement for school-based services and administrative activities

that help students address health care needs and improve learning,

Identifying strategies to increase schools' funding for health services provided by school nurses was the focus of a February 2012 meeting of national partners convened by the **Healthy Schools Campaign**. The resulting [issue paper highlights a growing need for school nurses](#), the history and status of school-based Medicaid claiming, as well as innovative partnerships and strategies developed by school districts across the nation that seek to support school nurse provision of student health services. Recommendations will be presented to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on May 9, 2012.