

Medicaid Schools

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Special Interests

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- First Quarter IndianaMAC Reimbursements
- Understanding MAC Random Moment Time Studies
- IEP Nursing Service Reimbursement Rate Change

Check It Out Online!

The latest *Medicaid Billing...*

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

Guidebook: [July 2011](#)

IEP Reimbursements Report: SFY12 as of [6/30/2012](#)

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

Coming Soon... School-based Medicaid technical assistance meetings and webinars

COMING SOON – Info Sessions on: (1) State Law Requiring LEAs to Enroll as Medicaid Providers (2) Creating Time Study Rosters that Capture MAC-Reimbursable Time

State law IC 12-15-1-16 requires school corporations to enroll as Indiana Medicaid providers, regardless whether they opt to claim the reimbursement available for health-related IEP services. IDOE will host a webinar on Indiana's mandate to enroll and option for voluntary school-based Medicaid claiming.

Want help determining which staff to include on your LEA's IndianaMAC time study roster (aka staff pool list) to take full

advantage of the federal dollars available through the new, voluntary school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming program? Plan to attend one of three on-site regional meetings, or join IDOE and PCG for an upcoming webinar, each offering technical assistance on how to capture IndianaMAC-reimbursable time.

Watch the Medicaid in Schools Community Announcements on Learning Connection for more details coming soon!

Medicaid in Schools Files & Bookmarks Also Help LEAs that Don't Bill Medicaid

Even if your Local Educational Agency (LEA) does not claim Medicaid reimbursement for health-related IEP services or Medicaid-related administrative activities, you will find helpful resources at the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on Learning Connection. For help assisting students and families in need, just click the Web links and files stored at this community's Files and Bookmarks Tab.

Folders on "Serving Students with Disabilities" and "Resources for Helping Students & Families

Get Health Care" include free downloadable referral guides and reference materials. Ranging from "Who Is Eligible for Indiana Medical Assistance Programs" to the "CDC Site on Concussion Signs, Symptoms, Prevention and Treatment," these files and bookmarks can help schools meet educational mandates and serve their community by connecting students, families and staff to mental health, dental, vision, hearing and other health care, social service and nutrition assistance programs in their local communities.

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Did you know?

- The Medicaid in Schools Community on Learning Connection offers Files&Bookmarks such as: **HIPAA and FERPA in the School Setting**, a webinar hosted by NASBHC; **FAQs about Indiana's School Medicaid Provider Mandate; 2-1-1 Connect2 Help, Free Guide to Indiana Health & Social Services**

- Registration fee **scholarships are available** for the [June 2012 Indiana School Health Network Conference](#) in Indpls. Contact Igor-don@idealmeeeting.com.
- Thirty-nine states have school-based Medicaid claiming programs, per an [annual survey by the California State Legislature](#).

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Quarter 1 IndianaMAC Reimbursements to Schools



Delayed while state agencies worked out start-up details, initial federal IndianaMAC funds will soon be in the pipeline to Local Educational Agencies that participated in Quarter 1 of the new, state-wide Medicaid Administrative Claiming program.

The majority of IndianaMAC-participating LEAs report tak-

ing an incremental approach to program implementation. As LEAs gain experience and revise Time Study rosters to better capture reimbursable staff time and costs, quarterly reimbursements are expected to increase.

IndianaMAC participation increased in Quarters 2 and 3, with a total of 86 public

school corporations, charters and state-operated schools taking advantage of this new opportunity during the program's first year.

The next opportunity to sign up for IndianaMAC will be this fall. Watch for announcements at the Medicaid in Schools Community on IDOE's Learning Connection.



Indiana Medicaid Rate Change for IEP Nursing Services

For dates of service on and after January 1, 2012, the maximum Indiana Medicaid reimbursement rate for IEP nursing services is \$10.49 per 15-minute unit of service. This is an increase over the rate in effect for dates of

service from July 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.

Full details are available in BR201220 published by the Indiana Medicaid agency on May 15, 2012. This and other Medicaid provider bul-

letins are available on Learning Connection [see the Indiana Medicaid Provider Bulletins folder at the Medicaid in Schools Community Files & Bookmarks Tab] and under "Banner Pages" at www.indianamedicaid.com.



Understanding IndianaMAC Random Moment Time Studies

To identify the percent of time Indiana school staff typically spend on reimbursable Medicaid Administrative activities, a statewide Random Moment Time Study, "RMTS," is conducted quarterly.

ment" (60 seconds).

Timely, Accurate Reporting

Selected at random, a staffer may be sampled once, several times or not at all in a calendar quarter to give detailed answers (but *no names!*) about his activity at that sampled moment. Ideally, time study participants report details of their activities on the same day or within 24 hours of the sampled moment. Details include: what happened at the sampled moment ("discussed where to get help for the child's chronic earaches"); why ("the family can't afford to pay for testing and treatment"); who ("a first grader's mother"); whether a face-to-face direct medical

service was provided ("no"), and if so whether the service was in the child's IEP ("n/a").

EVERY Moment Counts!

RMTS results are used to calculate the percentage of quarterly costs recovered by each participating LEA. The federal government requires an 85% RMTS response rate for participating LEAs to claim "MAC" reimbursements for that quarter. So, it is vital for sampled staff at every participating LEA to complete RMTS responses every time they are sampled. Timeliness is important for accuracy, but "**better late than never!**"

For more info, see the IndianaMAC RMTS Manual at [IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web Page](#).

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Staff Pool Lists

Each IndianaMAC-participating LEA creates a roster of time study participants (Staff Pool List, "SPL") of school employees and contracted staff who routinely perform **administrative** activities which help connect students and families to health care and health care coverage benefits.

Random Moment Time Study

LEA staff on the SPL must periodically report their activity during a "sample mo-

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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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MEDICAID](http://www.doe.in.gov/Achievement/Individualized-Learning/School-Based-Medicaid)

Conference Connections — Medicaid & Special Education

Indiana Council of Administrators of Special Education, Fall ICASE — September 27 & 28, 2012
<http://www.icaso.org/>

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

Across the Nation

Several national organizations offer online materials and Web-linked resources for school staff interested in Medicaid claiming. For example, the [American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#) (ASHA) recently presented a webinar on school-based Medicaid claiming for speech-language and hearing professionals (recording available for a fee at ASHA's site). Free downloadable information is also available from national education-related organizations such as the [American Association of School Administrators](#) (AASA); the [National Association of State Directors of Special Education](#) (enter Medicaid in NASDSE [Project Forum](#) document search); the [Council for Exceptional Children](#) (CEC); the [National School Boards Association](#) (NSBA); the [National Association of School Based](#)

[Health Centers](#) (NASBHC); and the [National Alliance for Medicaid in Education](#) (NAME). Find links to these and more under the *Files & Bookmarks* tab of the Medicaid in Schools Community at IDOE's Learning Connection.

John Hill, NAME Governmental Affairs Chair and Special Education Specialist at the Indiana Department of Education, is headed to Washington, DC again this summer to meet with federal officials at the U.S. DOE's Office of Special Education Programs and Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. John and other Medicaid in Education stakeholders are closely monitoring the status of the recently proposed [Special Education regulation on Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid](#).

