



INDIANA MEDICAID UPDATE

June 19, 1998

TO: All Indiana Medicaid School Corporation Providers

SUBJECT: Exemptions from Medicaid Requirements Effective August 1, 1998

Prior Authorization No Longer Required for Special Education Services

For Medicaid claims with Dates of Service August 1, 1998 and after, School Corporations enrolled as Indiana Medicaid Providers will no longer be required to obtain Medicaid Prior Authorization for those health-related Special Education services that would otherwise require Medicaid Prior Authorization. **Elimination of the Medicaid prior authorization requirement applies only to school corporations, since this provider type bills Medicaid only for those services that are furnished, by federal mandate, as part of a Medicaid-eligible student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).** In the case of a Medicaid-eligible student receiving services listed in the "IEP," the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) deems the IEP, kept in the school's records, to be the Medicaid prior authorization documentation for the "health-related" services billed to Indiana Medicaid. School corporation providers DO NOT NEED TO INCLUDE a copy of the IEP when submitting a claim to Indiana Medicaid; however, the school must maintain a copy of the IEP, along with the patient's medical records, as outlined in 405 IAC 1-5-1, for a period of three (3) years from the date on which the service is provided. (Consult Indiana Medical Assistance Programs Provider Manual Chapter 4 for additional information concerning record keeping requirements.)

Special Education Services Contained in an IEP Are Exempt from Medicaid Managed Care Referral Requirements

Effective August 1, 1998, school corporations enrolled as Indiana Medicaid Providers are exempt from the requirement to obtain the Primary Medical Provider (PMP) Certification Code in order to bill Medicaid for IEP services furnished to a Special Education student who is enrolled in Medicaid's Managed Care Program. Claims for IEP services provided to Special Education students enrolled in the "Hoosier Healthwise" Health Care program must be submitted on the HCFA 1500 claim form to Indiana Medicaid's claim processing contractor, EDS, at P.O. Box 68769, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268-0769. **Important Note: even if the student is enrolled in a Hoosier Healthwise Managed Care Organization (MCO), such as MaxiHealth or Managed Health Services, school corporation Medicaid providers should submit claims for IEP services to EDS and not to the student's MCO.**

Although IEP services will be “carved out” of Medicaid’s Managed Care program, YOUR COOPERATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED in keeping Primary Medical Providers informed of the health-related services you provide to Medicaid-eligible Special Education students. Please arrange to send progress reports or some other type of documentation to each student’s Primary Medical Provider in order to promote continuity and quality of care for each student.

Additional Information

Removal of these Medicaid Prior Authorization and PMP Certification Code requirements does not obviate the need to verify that a student is/was Medicaid-eligible on the dates of service. School corporation providers and their billing agents must continue to carefully read and follow the instructions in the Indiana Medical Assistance Programs Provider Manual, Section 2-4, for verifying Medicaid eligibility. Should you have questions concerning this bulletin or need additional information about Indiana Medicaid program requirements, please call Provider Assistance at 1-800-577-1278 or (317) 655-3240.