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## MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM Information Bulletin, MSP-010

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### **Parental Consent**

One of the biggest pending MSP issues right now centers around "Parental Consent". Parental Consent is required in order for your district to share protected health information with various entities including your billing agent, ODJFS, ODE, the students' primary care physician, and occasional program auditors. Consent is also needed from the parent in order for school MSP providers to seek Medicaid reimbursement under the students Medicaid number. We would like ODE and ODJFS to agree to a simple consent policy that is as efficient as possible, while meeting all the requirements of IDEA and FERPA. There are currently three potential consent models that have been presented to ODE.

- 1. Separate Consent** – ODE developed consent form signed before each assessment and each IEP (see attached sample).
- 2. Combined Consent** – Add section on the IEP form and ETR consent form to include MSP parental consent.
- 3. Parental Notification** – Notify each parent of your intentions to share protected health information and to bill Medicaid, and give them a number to call if they do not want their students' medical information shared or claims billed under their students' Medicaid number.

Now is the time to voice your opinion on this issue or any other MSP issues that you may have. The rules are still open to change, so if you have an opinion on this issue or any other MSP issues, please send your comments to the ODE MSP email address [SchoolMedicaid@ODE.state.oh.us](mailto:SchoolMedicaid@ODE.state.oh.us). You may also send your questions and comments to HBS at [teamhbs@aol.com](mailto:teamhbs@aol.com).

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