
MEDICAID SCHOOL PROGRAM Information Bulletin, MSP-012

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SLP Billing - Conditional License

In a communication from ODE and OBSLPA, it has been determined that a SLP with a conditional license is not directly Medicaid reimbursable. Even though a SLP in their CFY may be seen as a licensed therapist, in Ohio their conditional status precludes their ability to bill for Medicaid services. This is a complete repeal of what ODE previously determined about the various statuses of SLP's and their in/ability to be involved in MSP service delivery.

The only way a service being performed by a SLP with a conditional license can be billed for MSP reimbursement is if the supervisor witnessed the service, and the service was submitted under the supervisor's documentation.

Per ODE, any billing that has been done improperly can be withdrawn. There should be no fear of an audit finding based on a billing agents' inability to undo submissions now understood to be unallowable.

Because of this development, it is imperative that any HBS client that has a SLP with a CFY status contact us immediately. ODE recommends that all SLP's not being paid with IDEA or ARRA funds continue documenting for MSP, and if the CFY is employed by the district as opposed to being contracted, they would also continue their inclusion in the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS). HBS will withdraw any CFY documentation that had already been submitted prior to this ruling, and hold onto any CFY documentation that we have received since the ruling.

Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

This is one of the most critical components of MSP in that the RMTS percentage is an integral part of the year-end cost report computation, and has a direct affect on all districts final MSP reimbursement. The data gathered through RMTS provides a statewide average of time spent performing direct service activities, administrative activities, and targeted case management activities.

The 3rd quarter RMTS began on January 1 and continues through March 31. If selected, district employed providers need to complete their moment. (Contracted providers are excluded from RMTS.) Even if you are a part-time provider not scheduled in the district on the date/time you have been selected, or if your district is experiencing a calamity day, please take the time to answer the three questions required to complete your moment. It is better to at least answer the moment with a non-reimbursable activity than to ignore it and not answer it at all. One of the requirements of MSP is to have a RMTS compliance rate of at least 85%. So far, we are very pleased to hear from ODE that the state-wide RMTS compliance rate for 2009/2010 was exceptional.

In addition, it is also important to notify HBS if you have providers on your RMTS list that go on medical leave, maternity leave, etc. If we know this, we can excuse them from any moments that they may receive during their absence.

For additional information or questions regarding RMTS, contact Debbie Miller at dmiller@teamhbs.com.

Parental Consent

It was our hope that after a recent national effort the US Department of Education would relax on the IDEA Parental Consent requirement. That fight, which would ease up on the demands of obtaining parental consent for the Medicaid School Program is still ongoing. Until we hear differently, we ask that you continue obtaining parental consent using the method that your district indicated last year.

MSP Electronic Documentation

On October 1, 2009, HBS launched their MSP electronic documentation system. Many districts are utilizing this form of MSP documentation, and expressed delight in the ease of completing their documentation requirements. Based on therapist feedback, we have added more enhancements to make it even easier for providers to utilize electronic documentation. HBS allows districts to submit documentation either on paper or electronically. There is no additional cost to use the electronic system. If you would like to schedule electronic documentation training for your providers, or schedule an electronic training refresher, please contact Debbie Miller at dmiller@team-hbs.com.

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