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TO: School-Based Health Service Providers

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SUBJECT: **Written Recommendation For Services From a Physician or Other Practitioner of The Healing Arts Within The Scope of Practice**

In previous SBHS guides section 410-133-0160 Licensed Practitioner Recommendation “*Requests for payment of medical services required by a child’s individualized plan must be supported by written documentation of a licensed medical practitioner recommending the service. The recommendation must be updated annually and can be satisfied by the annual IEP/IFSP review process.*”

Based on our findings, when DHS held site visits throughout the State we noted the IEP/IFSP review process for the written recommendation from a licensed medical practitioner recommending the service does not always meet the requirement for requesting Medicaid reimbursement for services.

An IEP Team makes the ultimate decision under IDEA regarding services on a child’s IEP/IFSP. It is our understanding that it is not required for a therapist to be present at the meeting and sign the IEP/IFSP; or provide supporting documentation recommending the service. In some cases, the team did not have a practitioner of the healing arts on the team representing the service recommended with the scope of practice. Thus the IEP/IFSP review process does not always satisfy the requirement for Medicaid reimbursement pursuant to a child’s IEP/IFSP that requires a written recommendation for service from a practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of practice.

Please refer to information (attachment A) regarding Title 42 CFR—Public Health Chapter IV—Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

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To assist enrolled SBHS providers with this process please see list of required components (attachment B) for a written recommendation for services. Also, attached are copies of forms created by other educational agencies satisfying the written recommendation requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your courtesy.

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