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TO: All SBHS Providers

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SUBJECT: **SBHS UPDATE**

Hello Everyone!

I am sending you this update to provide you with some important information on upcoming changes. First, let me begin by saying that we anticipate approval of our School-Based Health Services State Plan Amendment (SBHS SPA) within the next couple of weeks and we will email a copy to all of you for your review and records.

In the meantime, you are currently operating under the old SPA until approval of the new SPA with CMS effective date. Some of the changes I want to give you a heads up on are as follows:

Transportation: The per diem cost methodology for billing transportation for the 2004-2005 school year will not be used as previously instructed. Instead we will be using cost per trip methodology and will provide you with the instructions for that process upon approval of the SPA. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Psychologist License Requirements: Medicaid cannot pay for services provided by staff who hold TSPC Licenses only. This will affect those of you who employ TSPC licensed School Psychologists. In order to bill Medicaid covered SBHS, psychologists must be licensed as specified in Oregon Statutes 675.010 to 675.150, and by the Oregon Board of Psychologists Examiners in accordance with Administrative Rules 858-010-001 through 858-010-0080.

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For your convenience and review, I am providing you with the link to the Board of Psychologists Examiners Rules (please copy the link and paste it in the address on your web browser)

http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/rules/OARS_800/OAR_858/858_010.html

Please note that Psychologist Associates specified under 858-050-0100 through 858-050-0150 and Testing Technicians specified under OAR 858-010-0002 can bill Medicaid for services provided under the supervision of a Psychologist with a doctoral degree as specified in OAR 858-010-0015.

We will be putting together a technical support team to take a closer look at Psychologists license requirements pertaining to the educational setting. Part of this process will include working with the Mental Health Authority in the hope that they will recognize and authorize school psychologists with the training and experience to perform assessments and administer tests meeting the reliability and validity standards of the American Psychological Association for IDEA eligibility determinations.

Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW)

Services provided by Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) will be billable upon the approval of the SPA and the effective date provided by CMS. This will require an updated cost calculation if your agency employs LCSWs.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your courtesy.

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