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TO: All SBHS Providers

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SUBJECT: Approval of Oregon's State Plan Amendment and Changes regarding cost calculations for 2004-05 School Yr.

Oregon's State Plan Amendment (SPA) for School-Based Health Services (SBHS) was approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services with an effective date of July 1, 2004.

With this new SPA, where Educational Service Districts (ESD) or School Districts (SD) provide a variety of Medicaid covered services, the education entity must meet all Federal and state provider qualifications associated with each service it provides. During our negotiations with CMS for Oregon's State Plan Amendment (SPA) regarding School-Based Health Services, we were advised that TSPC licensure is not sufficient to bill Medicaid. This means as of July 1, 2004, services performed by TSPC licensed School Psychologists would not be billable to Medicaid. However, services provided by State Board of Psychologist Examiners licensed Psychologists, Psychologist Associates, and Testing Technicians are billable to Medicaid. Also, new as of July 1, 2004, services provided by State Board Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and Clinical Social Work Associates (CSWA) working toward their LCSW licensure under the supervision and direction of an LCSW are billable to Medicaid.

Accordingly, the above changes need to be reflected in the education entities cost calculations. Attached are the updated Cost Calculation Instructions, and the Transportation Worksheet relating to Medicaid Billing for schools.

With the approval of this SPA, the methodology for transportation has changed to reflect a per-trip rate. If transportation worksheets have already been submitted for 2004-05, an updated worksheet will need to be submitted using the new method and format.

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The Cost Calculation Instructions have been updated to reflect the changes noted above and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section has been added to reflect some questions we are hearing at the state regarding cost calculation generation and billing.

If you have not already submitted your cost calculations for 2004-05, please do so as soon as possible. If you have already submitted, your approval letters should be arriving in the next week. If you have already submitted billings for services provided after July 1, 2004 using the 2003-04 rates, the following will occur:

- If cost calculations for 2004-05 are lower than the billed amounts, a change order will be processed and an overpayment recovery will occur. If cost calculations for Psychologists included TSPC-licensed School Psychologists, the costs for this discipline will need to be recalculated and resubmitted. Any claims submitted in this discipline by School Psychologists will need to be resubmitted with the new costs and any claims submitted for TSPC-license personnel will need to be identified and will require repayment. If the LEA has submitted billings for services provided by TSPC-licensed staff, please contact our office for instructions.
- If cost calculations for 2004-05 are higher than the billed amounts, the school will be required to submit a request for the higher rate. Please contact our office for further instructions on an increased claim amount.

The updated Administrative Rule relating to School-Based Health Services is scheduled to be filed next week. At that time, a copy of this temporary rule will be e-mailed to you for review along with a copy of the approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).

DHS is planning a training targeting Special Education Directors and Medicaid Operations personnel in April 2005. This training will provide an overview of changes occurring due to the SPA approval and rule submission (including cost calculation procedures). Regional trainings, with discipline-specific work groups, will be scheduled after the statewide training. We'll keep you updated as schedules are developed.