

Medicaid in Education Alert

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TO: All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: SSHSP and § 4201 Schools

This Medicaid Alert is to notify you that, with the anticipated approval of a New York State Plan Amendment that requires the implementation of a cost reconciliation process, the New York State Department of Health (DOH) will be disenrolling the § 4201 schools as Medicaid billing providers under the School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP). The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has indicated that § 4201 schools are not eligible for Certified Public Expenditures (CPEs) since they are not public agencies. This Alert also outlines the steps the § 4201 schools should take to effect a smooth transition.

The following State-Supported schools, which were established by § 4201 of Education Law, provide educational services to deaf, blind, or multiply disabled students. There are eleven § 4201 schools throughout New York State that provide related services to children with disabilities from ages three through twenty-one years:

- Cleary School for the Deaf
- Henry Viscardi School
- Lavelle School for the Blind
- Lexington School for the Deaf
- Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
- New York Institute for Special Education
- New York School for the Deaf
- Rochester School for the Deaf

- St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf
- St. Joseph's School for the Deaf
- St. Mary's School for the Deaf

Special Education Reimbursement to § 4201 Schools by School Districts

Payment for services provided by § 4201 schools during July and August continues to be funded directly by New York State through an appropriation. Beginning July 1, 2013, September through June payments for students attending § 4201 schools become the responsibility of the **school district of residence**. NYS will reimburse those school districts of residence for payments made to § 4201 schools, less a school district share based on district wealth.

§ 4201 School/School District of Residence Involvement in SSHSP

Proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) #11-39A (non-NYC school districts) and #11-39B (non-NYC counties), when approved, are expected to be retroactive to October 1, 2011.

The following time-line provides for the transition of § 4201 schools from the SSHSP:

1. The § 4201 schools will have until October 3, 2013 (cycle 1887) to submit claims to the Central New York Regional Informational Center (CNYRIC) for school supportive health services rendered through June 30, 2013 on a fee-for-service (FFS) basis. The last date of service that can be claimed is June 30, 2013.
2. The § 4201 schools will retain the Medicaid reimbursement they receive from the SSHSP for services rendered prior to July 1, 2013 and submitted to CNYRIC by October 3, 2013 for processing in cycle 1887.
3. The NYS Department of Health (DOH) will disenroll the § 4201 schools as Medicaid billing providers as of October 15, 2013.
4. Beginning September 1, 2013 and later, the school districts of residence will be able to claim the Medicaid reimbursement for school supportive health services rendered at § 4201 schools for dates of service September 1, 2013 and later. School districts will not be able to claim for school supportive health services rendered by the § 4201 schools in July and August since, because NYS is funding those services through an appropriation, the school district of residence is not incurring a cost for those services
5. In order for the school district of residence to claim Medicaid reimbursement for § 4201 school SSHSP services, the § 4201 schools must have signed a Provider Agreement and Statement of Reassignment. The school district of residence must also ensure the § 4201 schools maintain the appropriate Medicaid documentation to support any SSHSP billing.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this alert, please contact your local Regional Information Center representative or the NYS Education Department, Medicaid Unit at medined@mail.nysed.gov.