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Subject: Approved Private Preschool and School-age Programs for Students with Disabilities – Delays in the Start of the School Year

In light of the extraordinary difficulties many school districts and private special education schools and providers faced opening this year and in response to questions raised about delaying the start of the school year due to the recent storms, we are providing you with the following information.

Approved preschool and school-age private special education schools and providers (herein referred to as schools and providers) impacted by the storms still must provide 180 days of instruction as required by section 200.7(b)(5) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The start date of the school year currently reported on the System to Track and Account for Children (STAC) for each school and provider will not be changed provided that the 180-day requirement is met. To make up for the days they were not in operation due to storm damage, schools and providers can use scheduled snow and vacation days but not students' legal absences. Committees on special

education and committees on preschool special education do not need to change the dates of service on students' individualized education programs (IEPs) and can continue to submit STAC applications which include the start date of the school year reported on STAC and dates thereafter as service dates even if the school or provider was not in operation on one or more of the service dates due to storm damage.

Preschool special education programs approved to provide a special education itinerant teacher (SEIT) and/or related services must provide the frequency and duration of the special education services required by the students' IEPs.

For questions regarding reimbursement, contact the STAC, Special Aids and Medicaid Unit at 518-474-7116. For all other questions, contact your Regional Associate at the Special Education Quality Assurance Regional Office (see attached listing) or the Office of Special Education Nondistrict Unit.

Attachment

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