

# Medicaid in Education Alert

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**TO:** All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** NYS OHIP & NYSED  
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**SUBJECT:** NYS Medicaid Update article notifying physicians enrolled with NYS Medicaid and/or NYS Medicaid Managed Care Organizations of the requirement for written orders for SSHSP services

The purpose of this Alert is to inform SSHSP providers of a July 2012 Medicaid Update article that was published to remind Medicaid and Managed Care enrolled pediatricians and primary care providers serving children with disabilities that they may be asked to write orders for medical services provided through special education programs to students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) in schools under the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP).

The article includes a description of the SSHSP and the covered services under the program, and explains the primary care provider's role in the program. The article also states that SSHSP services are carved out of (not paid by) Managed Care. However, whether the child is enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan or has fee-for-service Medicaid, the primary care provider may be requested to supply a written order for medically necessary SSHSP service(s) that will be billed under the SSHSP.

The July 2012 Medicaid Update, and all other volumes, can be accessed online at:  
[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/program/update/main.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/main.htm)

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