

Medicaid in Education Alert

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TO: All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: IEP Ratio Methodology and Reporting Updates

This Medicaid Alert is to notify SSHSP providers of changes in data reporting and calculation of the IEP ratio, an LEA-specific measure of the percentage of students with Medicaid eligibility. The IEP ratio is part of the annual cost reconciliation and settlement process for the Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) methodology, and is used to apportion to the Medicaid program Direct Medicaid Service Costs reported within the Annual SSHSP Medicaid Cost Report.

IEP Ratio Change

State Plan Amendments (SPAs) 11-39A and 11-39B define the numerator of the IEP ratio as the “number of Medicaid eligible IEP students in the LEA with a direct medical service, as outlined in their IEP.” The numerator of the IEP ratio has been generated through a match of school district or county submitted student rosters against the Medicaid eligibility file. The SPAs define the denominator as “the total number of students in the LEA with a direct medical service, as outlined in their IEP.” The denominator of the IEP ratio has been calculated on an annual basis using student counts as of the first Wednesday in October (BEDS Day) for the fiscal year for which the cost report is completed.

To address CMS's concerns regarding discrepancies between reported costs and interim fee-for-service payments, the State is using a stricter interpretation of the IEP ratio included in approved State Plan Amendments (SPAs) 11-39A and 11-39B.

Please see the following IEP ratio methodology schedules for all cost reporting years:

For the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years, the State completed the cost settlement calculation using the number of unique recipients based on the paid claims data from the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) for the full year as the basis for the numerator in the IEP ratio. The BEDS Day snapshot was used for the denominator.

For the 2013-2014 school year, the numerator of the IEP ratio used in the cost settlement calculation was the number of unique recipients based on the paid claims data from the MMIS from July 1 through October 31. The denominator was the BEDS Day snapshot. The same calculation methodology is being used for the 2014-2015 school year.

For the 2015-2016 and future school years, the IEP ratio will include the number of unique recipients based on the paid claims data from the MMIS for the full school year as the basis for the numerator. For the 2015-2016 and future school years, the cost settlement calculation will use the total number of students in the LEA with a direct medical service, as outlined in their IEP, at any time during the school year as the basis for the denominator in the IEP ratio.

IEP Ratio Submission

For the 2011-2012 through 2014-2015 cost reporting periods, LEAs were responsible for reporting the IEP denominator (the total number of students in the LEA with a direct medical service, as outlined in their IEP on BEDS Day of that fiscal year) into the CNYRIC portal. However, for the 2015-2016 and future claiming periods, LEAs will report their IEP denominator (the total number of students in the LEA with a direct medical service, as outlined in their IEP, at any time during the school year) directly to Public Consulting Group (PCG) in the Medicaid Cost Report and Claiming System (MCRCS) during the cost reporting period. LEAs will receive a notification with instructions when the 2015-2016 IEP denominator is to be reported in the MCRCS.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Alert, please contact the NYS Department of Health at (518) 473-2160 or at SSHSP@health.ny.gov, or Public Consulting Group (PCG) at 1-866-912-2974 or at NYSSHSP@pcgus.com, or the NYS Education Department, Medicaid Unit at medined@nysed.gov.