Dear Colleague,

The Rate Setting Unit is considering amendments to the 2018-19 Reimbursable Cost Manual for Programs Receiving Funding under Article 81 and/or Article 89 of the Education Law to Educate Students with Disabilities, to be effective for 2018-19 reimbursement. The Reimbursable Cost Manual (RCM) applies to entities receiving public funds for educating students with disabilities ages 3-21 in private schools, Special Act School Districts, Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), public school districts and municipalities under Article 81 and/or Article 89 of the Education Law.

For the 2018-19 RCM, we intend to only make changes which clarify existing language for the field. These clarifying amendments would be consistent with technical assistance we currently provide to stakeholders and to state and local auditors, and therefore should not impact the rules for reimbursement.

The 2017-18 RCM is posted on the Department’s webpage:
http://www.oms.nysed.gov/rsu/Manuals_Forms/Manuals/RCM/CurrentYear/201718RCMPublic.pdf

As the changes for the 2018-19 RCM are anticipated to be minimal, the Rate Setting Unit will not be holding public meetings to discuss proposed changes. Provided that the Department has created a designated email RCM18-19@nysed.gov for purposes of receiving recommendations from the public regarding changes to the RCM. To allow time for the Department to compile the information, we encourage you, and members of your organization to submit recommendations to this address for our consideration on or before Friday June 22, 2018.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Bolling
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