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TO: School District and Educational Service District

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SUBJECT: Clarification on Medicaid Available Lifetime Benefits

In the Federal Register dated February 14, 2013, the United States Department of Education (DOE) published Final Regulation changes to a portion of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). These regulation changes found at CFR 34 300.154 modify the number of times parental consent has to be obtained to access a child's or parent's public benefits for reimbursable services such as Medicaid. In response to the federal regulatory changes, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) provided school districts a revised parental consent form for use when obtaining parental consent for districts to bill for reimbursable services under any public benefits or insurance program, including Medicaid.

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is providing clarification through this memorandum that parent consent for billing Medicaid for reimbursement on behalf of eligible students has no effect on the parent or child's available lifetime benefits.

School districts can and should bill Medicaid for health care-related services for Medicaid-eligible children in special education. The intention of the School-Based Health Care Services (SBHS) program is consistent with [Section 1905 of the Social Security Act](#). Under this Section of the Act, reimbursable services must:

- Identify, treat, and manage the education-related disabilities (i.e., mental, emotional, and physically) of a child in special education.
- Be medically necessary according to Section 1905(r).
- Be diagnostic, evaluative, habilitative, or rehabilitative in nature.
- Be included in the child's current Individualized Educational Program (IEP).

If a child has a form of medical insurance coverage other than Medicaid, there may be a set amount, duration, and scope of services that cannot be exceeded. Once those benefits are exhausted, there may not be another option for the provision of additional services. However, a school district may not condition an eligible student's receipt of a free, appropriate public education on the availability of a public benefits or insurance program.

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HCA encourages licensed health care providers who provide services to children in special education, AND services through a clinic setting, to coordinate their services to the maximum extent possible because Medicaid does not reimburse for duplicate services.

Where to Obtain Additional Information on Lifetime Benefits through Medicaid

For additional information on Title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act, please refer to [Title XIX – Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs](#).

When contacting the Health Care Authority:

- Please direct Medicaid-related questions to [Medicaid Customer Services](#) at 1-800-562-3022.
- Contact [Provider Relations](#) for training-only questions related to ProviderOne (P1). You can find training opportunities through the Agency on the SBHS website at <http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/schoolbased/index.html>.
- If you have questions or need additional clarification, please contact Jim Harvey at 360-725-1153 or [SBHS Program Manager](#).

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