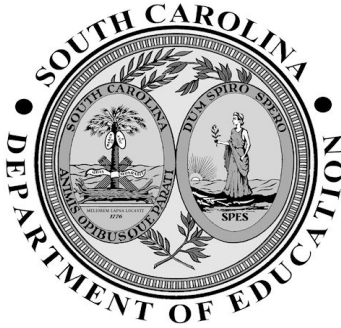


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<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/medicaid/>

Medicaid Provider Relief Fund- Registration Still Open

Recipients of PRF payments exceeding \$10,000 in aggregate must register in the Provider Relief Fund Reporting Portal. The deadline established to register for reporting was February 15, 2021. Recently the deadline was extended, and registration is still open. Currently, there is no deadline for completing registration in the portal. I advise districts who have not registered, to do so as soon as possible.

Recipients will later receive a notification about when they should complete the second step of submitting reporting requirements information on the use of funds. HRSA will send a broadcast email to the email address you provide during the registration process.

Please note that the registration process will take at least 20 minutes to complete and must be completed in one session. You cannot save a partially complete registration. Make sure you have all the information required to register before you begin.

Third Party Liability (TPL)

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) received a Third-Party Liability (TPL) letter from Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Arkansas regarding coverage of medical services provided in schools. The BCBS Arkansas letter has been posted to the OMS webpage and can be viewed along with all other letters at:

<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/medicaid/medicaid-program-quality-assurance/third-party-liability-tpl/third-party-liability-tpl/tpl-letters/>.

Fee Schedule

The fee schedule has been updated to include COVID-19 Testing. The fee schedule can be found on the website under Additional Resources: [Fee Schedule](#).

SDAC

By participating in the SDAC program, each school district agrees to pay SCDE an annual fee to cover the costs of administering the program (Section E of the contract with SCDE). These fees were not collected last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, these fees will be collected this year. In the coming days, your finance office should receive an

email invoice from the Office of Medicaid Services for the amount owed. Please remit payment to:

South Carolina Department of Education
Attention: Renee Gibson
Office of Medicaid Services
1429 Senate Street
Rutledge Suite 808
Columbia, SC 29201

Please contact Matthew Melton if you have any questions regarding your payment.

Special Needs Transportation

Ridership Updates

The updates (click/unclick) to the ridership attendance on the SCDE website should be completed for August 2020 through February 2021. If you have not completed ridership updates for these dates, please complete by April 15, 2021.

ENRICH Transportation IEP Upload

The Special Needs Transportation IEP Data upload to the SCDE website is due by April 15, 2021. This information is required on a quarterly basis to ensure accurate IEP information for processing Special Needs Transportation claims.

Ridership Log Changes

Effective March 1, 2021, the ridership attendance log (blank report) generated from the Special Needs Transportation (SNT) Application on the SCDE website was modified. The modification aligns the log with the requirements listed in the Local Education Agencies (LEA) Services Provider Manual, Section 6: Reporting/Documentation, Special Needs Transportation Program, Trip and Passenger Pupil Log (pages 38-39).

Initially, the License Tag Number field was blank and required the district to write this in. As of March 11, 2021, the License Tag Number will automatically populate to the Ridership Log.

If you are currently using a log other than the one generated from the system and have not received SCDE approval, please submit to Ronette Weeks at rmweeks@ed.sc.gov for approval.

Please review the district requirements for reporting and documenting SNT information at: <https://provider.scdhhs.gov/internet/pdf/manuals/Local%20Education/Manual.pdf>

GPS Software

The South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Transportation secured new statewide GPS routing software from Tyler Technologies which will impact SNT. Tyler Drive is the portion of the software that directly impacts SNT. As your district is onboarded, specialized training on the process will be provided by both Tyler

Technologies and SCDE. Please do not make any changes to the current process until training has been provided by the OMS' SNT Coordinator, Ronette Weeks.

If your district does not participate in the SNT program but would like to or if you have any questions/concerns/training needs regarding the SNT program, please contact Ronette Weeks by phone at 803-734-3913 or via email at rmweeks@ed.sc.gov.

Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Reminder- Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) & Psychosocial Rehabilitative Services (PRS)

On June 30, 2020, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) announced via bulletin that effective July 1, 2020 SCDHHS would begin reimbursing child-placing agencies contracted with the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) for TFC services, and that PRS could not be rendered on the same day as TFC services. Therefore, if local education agencies (LEAs) render PRS on the same date as TFC, the LEA will not be reimbursed for PRS, and the claim will be denied. To avoid this, the school district will need to coordinate service delivery with DSS for those children in therapeutic foster care that are receiving TFC. Service plan development documentation should reflect the collaboration and involvement of all parties involved in the development of the treatment plan.

Service Training

Many districts have begun receiving service specific training on areas of concern and/or opportunities for improvement identified during their quality assurance review conducted this year. Which may have identified areas of concern and/or opportunities for improvement. Many districts have expressed their sentiments of appreciation, submitted questions for clarification, and provided feedback of their concerns. All are greatly appreciated by the Office of Medicaid Services and there will be some updates made to the trainings based on your feedback. Please continue to submit questions and voice your concerns via your district's assigned Education Associate (EA) or the OMS general email account at MedicaidServices@ed.sc.gov.

Trainings will be made available to all school districts for review in the coming months. The trainings will provide you with a brief overview of the services and documentation requirements. We appreciate your patience as we continue to develop, update, and finalize the trainings.

Tell Us

What topics would you like us to address in the monthly newsletter. It is our goal to support our school districts and give them all the information that they need in order to be successful in billing and providing Medicaid Services. Send all topics to our office email address MedicaidServices@ed.sc.gov.