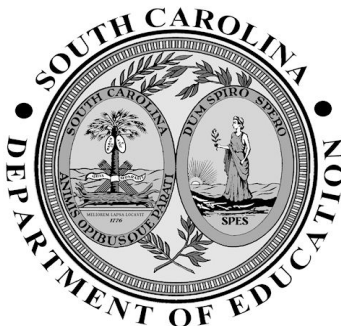


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<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/medicaid/>

Medicaid Provider Relief Fund- Registration Still Open

As you are aware, 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 of the information required to register before you begin.

Nursing COVID-19 Testing

On February 18, 2021 the OMS sent an email to Medicaid Coordinators and/or Special Education Directors which stated that the OMS has worked alongside the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) and as a result, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) can be reimbursed by SCDHHS for COVID-19 Testing when administered by a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). There will be an announcement via memorandum in the coming days which will include billing and other information.

New Secure Email Program Launched

Effective February 27, 2021, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) changed the program it uses to send secure emails. With the new program, as a recipient of a secure email, you will no longer need a password to view the email. Instead, when a recipient opens the message, the recipient will click on the option to receive a one-time passcode. When you complete this action, an email containing a passcode will be sent to your inbox.

Please visit the SCDHHS website's provider page for a list of frequently asked questions regarding the transition to the new program and for detailed instructions on how to view secure messages.

Special Needs Transportation (SNT)

Ridership Updates

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

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 has been 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).

The modifications made to the log are:

- District Address Required: Log will automatically generate the address. No district action needed.
- License Tag Number: District will need to write in the corresponding license tag for the state bus/route number.
- Bus Driver Signature: District will need to allow only a bus driver signature. Aides are not allowed to sign.

If you are currently using a log other than the one generated from the system, you will need to make the required changes and submit to Ronette Weeks at rmweeks@ed.sc.gov for approval no later than March 12, 2021.

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. The first district began training to utilize Tyler Drive in January 2021. As training is scheduled for additional districts, the Special Needs Transportation Coordinator will be informed. Specialized training on the process will be provided by both Tyler Technologies and SCDE.

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

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)

If you have not done so, please finish entering your financial data for the October, November December (OND) quarter so your invoice can be generated. In addition, please take a few minutes to review your SDAC roster in March and remove any participants that are no longer with the district to ensure they do not receive a survey in the final quarter of the year.

Third Party Liability (TPL)

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) received a Third Party Liability (TPL) letter from Aetna regarding coverage of medical services provided in schools. Aetna has stated that services provided in the school setting are not covered. The Aetna 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/>.

90 Day Progress Summary

At this time, the OMS **has not** received approval/guidance from SCDHHS regarding the 90-day progress summary being completed every 9-weeks instead of every 90 days. Until SCDHHS has instructed otherwise, districts must stay the course and continue completing both the 90-day summary and 9-week summary.

This item remains high on the OMS' list of priorities. As soon as the OMS receives guidance/approval from SCDHHS, the approval will be communicated to all school districts immediately.

Quality Assurance Reviews

OMS is working diligently to complete the quality assurance reviews for the selected school districts. It is imperative that the selected school districts submit all documentation prior to the date of the scheduled review. At least 30 days prior to the review date, Education Associates send each school district the names and recipient identification numbers of the students and services that will be reviewed; additionally, school districts receive the appropriate checklists, a notification letter and the QA Preparations checklist to assist in preparing for the review. Please ensure that you review the documents thoroughly so that you understand the process, requirements, and meet the deadline for submission.

Post Quality Assurance Review Training- Delayed

The completion of quality assurance reviews has been delayed due to the delays in receiving documentation from school districts. As a result, post quality assurance training has been delayed. All districts reviewed will receive service specific training relative to the findings/deficiencies of their review. Districts will receive notification of the date and time of the trainings and are expected to participate. Please follow-up with your district's assigned Education Associate if you have questions and/or concerns.

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.