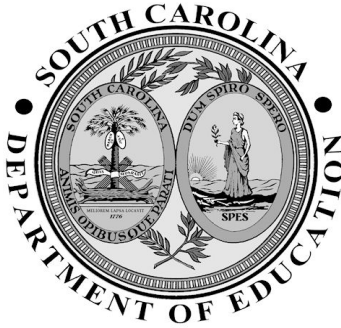


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<https://ed.sc.gov/districts-schools/medicaid/>

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 the information required to register before you begin.

Medicaid Policy Changes

Speech Reevaluations

On April 22, 2021 districts received a memo from the Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) which stated that the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (SCDHHS) Local Education Agencies (LEA) Services Provider Manual was updated on January 11, 2021, to reflect that LEAs will only receive reimbursement for annual Medicaid speech reevaluations when completed by a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

On May 4, 2021 districts received another memo from the OMS which stated that SCDHHS' Local Education Agencies (LEA) Services Provider Manual was updated to reflect the reinstatement of the policy that allows a LEA to be reimbursed for a speech language therapist (SLT) completing the annual Medicaid speech reevaluation.

Removal of Code Description Language

On April 1, 2021, the SCDHHS removed the procedure code description language from the “Covered Services and Definitions” section of the LEA Services Provider Manual. Most of the language removed was duplicated language as the information is present in [Section 4 – Procedure Code](#). The only information that is not present in “Section 4 – Procedure Code” is the timeframe associated with the physical therapy and occupational therapy evaluation codes (i.e., Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 20 minutes, Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 30 minutes & Evaluation of physical therapy, typically 45 minutes). Though the information is no longer present, please be aware of the timeframe associated with each procedure code as districts are responsible for knowing and utilizing the correct procedure codes.

Professional Title & Term Changes

On March 30, 2021, the SCDHHS made updates to the Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) Provider Manual. Previously the manual included staff title, “Qualified Mental Health Professional”, but this title has now been changed to “Qualified Clinical Professional” in the staff qualifications table and throughout the manual. The staff title, “Child Services Professional” is also no longer included and has been changed to “Human Services Professional” in the staff qualifications table and throughout the manual. Additionally, the manual no longer includes the language/phrase “same-day service exclusion” but “same-day service restriction” instead.

Carrier Codes

Please be aware that SCDHHS has updated the [carrier codes](#) and keep in mind that carrier codes are updated quarterly. Please ensure that you are utilizing the appropriate carrier code on the CMS-1500 form when reporting third-party liability. For more information on carrier codes, please review SCDHHS’ [Provider Administrative and Billing Manual](#).

Third Party Liability (TPL) Letters

Unfortunately, the OMS did not receive a high response rate from third-party insurance carriers this academic school year and therefore, few letters were available for districts to utilize. However, the OMS will soon begin requesting letters for academic school year 2021- 2022 and will be putting measures into place to increase the likelihood of a response from the third-party insurance carriers. All letters received from third party insurance carriers for the next academic school year will be made available on the OMS webpage.

Fee Schedule

The fee schedule has been updated to include COVID-19 Testing. Only COVID-19 Testing code 87811 has been approved for LEAs to utilize. The fee schedule can be found at [Fee Schedule](#).

Quality Assurance (QA)

Post QA Review Tasks

The OMS has conducted a QA review of 31 school districts this academic school year and a few additional districts are scheduled to be reviewed in May 2021. Those districts that have been and will be reviewed this academic school year, please remember to review your district's QA Follow-Up Report via the QA Medicaid Application, submit a corrective action plan (CAP), if applicable and accept the final QA Follow-Up Report via the QA Medicaid Application. Districts should complete this task **within three weeks** of receiving the QA Follow-Up Report via the Medicaid Application but **must complete this task by June 30th**.

Service Training

The OMS has provided service specific training to school districts that have been reviewed this academic school year and will make those service specific trainings available to all school districts in the coming months. The trainings will provide districts with a brief overview of each service and the documentation requirements for each service. We appreciate your patience as we continue to develop, update, and finalize the trainings.

SCDHHS Training

On April 30, 2021 the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) released a provider alert reminding all providers that the SCDHHS regularly offers free trainings to prospective and enrolled Healthy Connections providers and many of the trainings are available virtually. Medicaid will be offering a free Healthy Connections Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment Broker training for Spring 2021. Please review the [provider alert](#) for more information.

SDAC

If you have not done so, please begin entering your JFM financial information into the SDAC Application so your invoice can be generated. All signed invoices are due by close of business Friday May 21st. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Monica McKinney mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov.

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 March 2021. If you have not completed ridership updates for these dates, please complete by May 15, 2021.

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. Specialized training on the process will be provided by both Tyler Technologies and SCDE before your district starts utilizing Tyler Drive.

Training Needs

On-site training is available and currently being scheduled for May and June dates. If your district would like SNT training, please contact Ronette Weeks by phone at 803-734-3913 or via email at rmweeks@ed.sc.gov. Virtual training is also available.

District Consolidations- SDAC and SNT Contracts

For districts consolidating effective July 1, 2021, please be on the lookout for new SDAC and SNT contracts from the OMS. These contracts will need to be signed by your District Superintendent to continue participating in the SDAC and SNT programs. The district Special Education Director, SDAC Coordinator, and SNT Coordinator will be copied on the email correspondence to the District Superintendent. If you have questions about your SDAC contract, please contact Matthew Melton (803-734-2108) and for your SNT contract, please contact Ronette Weeks (rmweeks@ed.sc.gov or 803-734-3913).

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