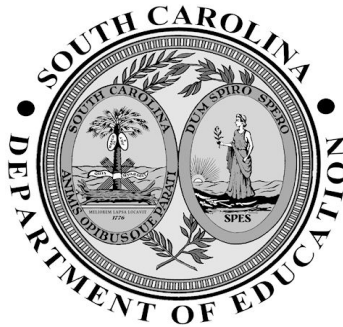


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Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) Update

As a result of South Carolina Governor, Henry McMaster's recent Executive Order regarding school based mental health services, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) conducted a review of the current school based mental health services landscape throughout the state of South Carolina. SCDHHS' review consisted of and/or resulted in the following actions.

- A survey of school districts was conducted to better understand the current school based mental health services landscape and identify districts' needs and barriers. This was completed in collaboration with the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE). Each of the 79 school districts' Superintendents received a survey. Of the 79 school districts that received a survey, 57 school districts (72%) responded to the survey.
- The [School-Based Services Provider Review Report and Recommendations](#) as well as the SCDHHS' [letter to the Governor](#) were released on May 3, 2022.
- A school based mental health services presentation was carried out by the SCDHHS to SC District Superintendents during the South Carolina Association of School Administrators (SCASA) meeting held on May 5, 2022.
- School Based Mental Health Services updates and interest meetings were hosted by the Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) on May 19, 2022, and May 20, 2022. The PowerPoint presentation shown during the meeting was shared with school districts via email on May 24, 2022. The email sent on May 24, 2022, also reflected more recent Medicaid updates and clarifications which were also included in the PowerPoint presentation.
- A RBHS workgroup has been established by the SCDHHS which consists of SCDHHS staff, SCDE staff, and school district staff to further discuss school based mental health services policy and procedures.

Medicaid School Based Mental Health Services Meetings Hosted by the OMS

The OMS would like to thank all district staff that participated in the Medicaid updates meetings which took place on May 19, 2022, and May 20, 2022. Each district's Superintendent, Chief Financial Officer, Medicaid Coordinator, and Special Education Director were invited to attend one of the 12 meetings held during the two days. A total of 119 district staff participated.

The meetings were hosted to inform districts of recent Medicaid updates specific to school based mental health services. On May 24, 2022, the PowerPoint presentation was shared with all the school districts' staff that were invited to attend one of the 12 meetings. Please be sure to send any school based mental health service questions that you may have to the email account created by SCDHHS specifically for school based mental health services questions at behavioralhealth004@scdhhs.gov.

New DEIM Role - RBHS Coordinator

In anticipation of Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) implementation effective July 1, 2022, districts should identify district personnel who will serve as the programmatic point of contact with the SCDE's Office of Medicaid Services and the SC Department of Health and Human Services. This individual should be someone who will play an integral role in executing RBHS Medicaid-related policies and procedures and can provide insight regarding service delivery and staffing.

A new role, RBHS Coordinator, has been added to the District and Entity Information Management (DEIM) system. As you develop or redesign your School-based Mental Health Services programs to include RBHS, please add this district contact into DEIM. The official [memorandum](#) is available on the SCDE's website.

Should you have questions regarding RBHS, contact Vanesha Perrin, Director of the Office of Medicaid Services, at vrperrin@ed.sc.gov. For questions regarding DEIM, contact your district Web Access Coordinator (WAC).

Local Education Agency (LEA) Manual Update

The Local Education Agency (LEA) Provider Manual will be updated by the SCDHHS. The LEA Provider Manual will include both school-based rehabilitation services (SBRs) and RBHS policy. The updated LEA Provider Manual will reflect the recent Medicaid updates discussed during the district meetings on May 19th and May 20th. The updated manual will be available to districts on July 1, 2022.

RBHS Trainings Available

The [OMS' RBHS trainings](#) are available on the OMS' webpage as well as the SCDHHS' [RBHS Providers Training webpage](#). These trainings will provide you with an overview of RBHS service and document requirements but will need to be updated to reflect the most recent RBHS changes/updates. Updates will be made to the OMS' RBHS trainings prior to August 1, 2022.

Telehealth Flexibility Extended

On Friday, April 29, 2022, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) released a bulletin announcing updates to temporary policy changes that were put into place to address the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic via emergency authorities derived from the federal public health emergency (PHE). Previous policy changes that were put into place included a heavy emphasis on building upon SCDHHS' existing telehealth benefit and extended telehealth flexibilities for a wide variety of services where early evidence demonstrated a service may be able to be performed with an efficacy and quality of care comparable to the service provided in a face-to-face format.

SCDHHS has evaluated utilization data and consulted with the state's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), the provider community and other stakeholders, and as a result has announced changes that will take effect once the current federal PHE has expired. Providers are advised that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that the federal PHE will remain in effect until **at least July 15, 2022**.

SCDHHS announced that telehealth flexibilities for some behavioral health services will be extended for further evaluation. The following procedure codes/services can continue to be rendered via telehealth:

- 90791- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation without medical
- H0031- Follow-up Assessment
- 90832- Individual psychotherapy, 30 minutes
- 90834- Individual psychotherapy, 45 minutes
- 90837- Individual psychotherapy, 60 minutes
- 90846- Family psychotherapy, without client, 50 minutes
- 90847- Family psychotherapy, including client, 50 minutes

SCDHHS announced that telehealth flexibilities for some physical and speech therapy services will be extended for further evaluation. The following procedure codes/services can continue to be rendered via telehealth:

- 92507- Speech therapy
- 97110- Physical therapy

SCDHHS also announced that telehealth flexibilities for some behavioral health and occupational therapy services **will expire** at the end of the current, federal PHE.

- 97530- Occupational therapy
- H2014- Behavior modification
- H2017- Psychosocial rehabilitation service (individual)
- S9482- Family support

Please review the SCDHHS bulletin [22-005](#) in its entirety to ensure that you are in compliance with Medicaid's requirements. Please reach out to your district's assigned Education Associate should you have any questions and/or concerns.

District Consolidations

Districts that will be consolidating effective July 1, 2022, please ensure that you have completed or are on track to complete all the required Medicaid consolidation steps. The Medicaid [Consolidation Checklist 2021 – 2022](#) is available on the Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) webpage for your review. If you have any questions or need assistance from the OMS, please reach out to your district's assigned Education Associate (EA) for guidance as soon as possible.

Academic Year 2020 – 2021 QA Review Findings

Opportunities for Improvement

Multiple QA reviews have identified that school districts are noncompliant with the following Medicaid requirements:

- All evaluations/reevaluations, progress summary notes, and clinical service notes must be signed, dated, and include the title of the provider.
- School Districts must utilize the GT modifier when services are rendered via telehealth.
- SCDHHS OIG Exclusion and Federal OIG Exclusion must be completed during the school year.

District Strengths

Recent reviews have shown:

- The description of services rendered by Occupational Therapist are very well documented to support the billed services.
- South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR) staff credential checks were completed during the school year. It is imperative that staff credentials are checked during the academic year and regularly. Reimbursement for any services rendered by a staff that is not appropriately licensed are subject to recoupment by the SCDHHS.

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Invoices

SDAC Fourth Quarter Invoice

To receive payment in State Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 your invoice for April, May, and June (AMJ 22) must be submitted by June 28, 2022. As a reminder, you are allowed to submit an estimated invoice for the AMJ 22 quarter. If you are submitting an estimated invoice, please indicate on the invoice itself that it is an estimated invoice.

You are not required to send an estimated invoice. However, if you decide to do so, please be conservative with your estimates. SCDHHS will pay the difference between your estimated and final invoice if the final invoice balance exceeds the estimated invoice. If your final invoice is less than the estimated invoice, you will have to send the SCDHHS a refund for the difference.

As a reminder, once you have entered the financial data, please send notification to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov. The invoices are generated by the OMS once the district notifies the OMS that their financial information has been entered. The district will not be able to view the invoice until it has been generated by the OMS. A notification email is sent to the district, once the invoice has been generated by the OMS. The signed invoice must be sent to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov. All final invoices for AMJ 2022 will need to be submitted for payment by July 13, 2022.

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Fees

On April 1, 2022, your district received an invoice via email for the annual fee charged by SDCE for your district's participation in the Medicaid SDAC program. If you have not done so already, please send the payment for the SDAC fee as soon as possible. Please refer to the Administrative Claiming Agreement between SCDE and your school district for details regarding the SDAC fee.

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) - Action Needed

The fourth quarter (i.e., April, May, June – AMJ 22) samples will be closed on June 15, 2022. Please make sure that all samples are reviewed and completed.

The current participant list will carry over to the new FY 2023. Please make any adjustments to the list of participants if the district does not want specific participants to be carried over to the list for the next school year. For example, if you have a participant who will be retiring, make the individual inactive and the name will not carry over to the new FY.

If you need assistance with RMS or the participant listing, please contact Ronette Weeks at rmweeks@ed.sc.gov.

Special Needs Transportation (SNT) – Action Needed

A new application is currently being developed for FY 2023. Please make sure you are prepared to start the new school year utilizing the SCDE approved paper logs until the system is available. The target date for implementation is September 1, 2023.

Please make sure your ridership logs are updated in the Special Needs Transportation application for the current school year by the end of June. The OMS will be automatically closing all records with a June 30, 2022, end date. The district will still be able to input ridership after the automated end dates; however, with a new application being implemented, it is imperative that all logs be entered before the new application is online.

If you need any assistance or have questions about completing updates to the logs, closing out records, or the process for starting the upcoming school year with paper logs, please contact Ronette Weeks @ rmweeks@ed.sc.gov.

Special Needs Transportation (SNT) Payments for School Year 2021-2022

On June 13, 2022, each school district will be notified via email of the reimbursement amount that the district will receive from SCDE for school year 2021-2022. This will be the final of two payments during this academic year. If you have any concerns regarding the reimbursement amount referenced in the notification letter, please reach out to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov.

Special Needs Transportation (SNT) and School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Contract

School districts will receive new contracts for both SNT and SDAC in the upcoming weeks. The contracts will be mailed to your district superintendent for signature. Please return the signed contracts no later than July 1, 2022. The OMS looks forward continued partnership with both programs.

Quarterly & Bi-Monthly Meetings

Quarterly Finance School District Meeting

The OMS' last quarterly finance meeting for FY2022 will be held June 23– 24, 2022. A meeting invitation will be sent to all districts prior to the meeting. If there are any questions that you have or topics that you wish to discuss during the upcoming meeting, please send your request(s) to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov.

Quarterly QA School District Meeting

The OMS QA team looks forward to continuing to work alongside districts and ensuring that districts receive the assistance and guidance needed. The next QA quarterly meeting will be scheduled for the week of June 13 – 17, 2022. Meeting invitations will be submitted to districts.

The quarterly meetings are open to all LEA providers and administrators rendering Medicaid services, and all staff (e.g., Speech Language Pathologists (SLP), Occupational Therapists (OT), Physical Therapists (PT), nurses, etc.) are encouraged to attend. Please submit questions and topics that you would like to be discussed. Your questions and suggestions must be submitted to your district's assigned Education Associate (EA) prior to your district's scheduled meeting.

Bi-Monthly SDAC Meeting

The last OMS SDAC bi-monthly meeting of the 2021 – 2022 school year was held on May 18, 2022. The meeting included information for finishing the samples for the current quarter and preparing the year-end participant listing for carry over to the next school year. Thank you to the 49 districts that attended.

Mandatory coordinator training will be held in August 2022. There will be several opportunities to attend. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent to SDAC Coordinators two weeks in advance of the meeting. SDAC Coordinators can forward the invite to other persons within their district as they see fit.

Bi-Monthly Special Needs Transportation (SNT) Meeting

The last OMS SNT bi-monthly meeting of the 2021 – 2022 school year was held on May 18, 2022. The meeting included information about completing ridership for the school year and the requirements for end dating the data in the SNT system (e.g., bus routes, drivers, and students). SCDE will end date all data for the districts with an end date of 06.30.22). Additionally, the new system was discussed. Thank you to the 51 districts that attended.

Mandatory user training for the new SNT application will be held in August/September 2022. There will be several opportunities to attend. A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent to the SNT and Medicaid Coordinators two weeks in advance of the meeting. Coordinators can forward the invite to other persons within their district as they see fit.

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 to be successful in billing and providing Medicaid Services. Send all topics to our office email address MedicaidServices@ed.sc.gov.