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**Subject:** Clarifications, Revisions, and Provider Reinstatement

**Effective:** As Stated

**Programs Affected:** School Based Services Fee for Service Program

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform School Based Services providers of technical corrections and clarifications to policy found in the School Based Services and the School Based Services Random Moment Time Study Chapters of the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

- Clarification of Assistive Technology Device Services General Description
- Clarification of Personal Care Services Documentation and Prescription Sections
- Reinstatement of the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind as an Allowable School Based Services Provider
- Revision of Specialized Transportation Procedure Code Descriptions

### **Clarification of the Assistive Technology Device (ATD) Services General Description Section**

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2008, the general description of ATD services in the School Based Services Chapter (Sections 2.2.C, 2.3.B, and 2.4.B.) has been revised to read:

“Utilizing the description in Section 602(2) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the term ‘assistive technology device’ means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially off the shelf, modified, or customized, that is used to increase, maintain, or improve functional capabilities of a child with a disability. Therapists should restrict their evaluations and services to those within the scope of their practice and consistent with their education and training.”

### **Clarification of Personal Care Services Documentation and Prescription Sections**

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2008, the following language will replace the first sentence in the School Based Services Chapter, Section 2.9 Personal Care Services, page 31 of the ‘Documentation’ area:

“Personal care services must be medically necessary and the need for the service must be documented in the student’s Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)/Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Each child’s school clinical record must contain a completed signed and dated monthly activity checklist. Service categories (i.e., toileting, feeding, transferring, etc.), times and frequencies must be documented either in the IEP/IFSP, in an attached document or in the child’s treatment authorization.”

Effective with the April 2009 Medicaid Provider Manual update, the second and third bullets within the School Based Services Chapter, Section 2.9 Personal Care Services, page 31, of the 'Definition' area are deleted.

### **Reinstatement of the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind as an Allowable School Based Services Provider**

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2008, the Michigan School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB) has been reinstated as an allowable School Based Services billing provider. Due to several compliance issues, MSDB was unable to bill for services for the July through September 2008 quarter. Resolution of these issues has been reached, and MSDB will begin participating in the time study and billing process effective October 1, 2008. All cost reports submitted by MSDB for the 2008/09 school fiscal year must be prorated to include only three quarters of allowable costs.

All references in the Medicaid Provider Manual to enrolled school based services providers will be updated to reflect the addition of MSDB. The following chapters and sections of the Medicaid Provider Manual will be affected:

- School Based Services Chapter – Section 1, page 1, paragraph 6
- School Based Services Chapter – Section 1, page 3, 'Enrolled Medicaid Provider'
- School Based Services Chapter – Section 1, page 3, 'School-Based Services'
- School Based Services Chapter – Section 3.3.A, page 38, paragraph 1
- School Based Services Chapter – Section 4.1, page 39, paragraph 1
- School Based Services Chapter – Section 6.1.B, page 42, paragraph 1
- School Based Services Chapter – Section 6.1.C, page 43, paragraph 5

### **Revision of Specialized Transportation Procedure Code Descriptions**

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2008, the School Based Services Policy Chapter, Section 2.11, Special Education Transportation, Procedure Codes section will be revised to reflect the following shortened procedure code descriptions:

- **A0120** – Non-emergency transportation (one-way): mini-bus, mountain area transports, or other transportation systems.
- **A0130** – Non-emergency transportation (one-way): wheelchair van.

### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Questions**

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at [ProviderSupport@michigan.gov](mailto:ProviderSupport@michigan.gov). When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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