

**Bulletin Number:** MSA 06-52

**Distribution:** School Based Services

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**Subject:** Elimination of Activity Codes and Enhanced Reimbursement for Skilled Professional Medical Personnel (SPMP)

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**Programs Affected:** Medicaid School Based Services Administrative Outreach Program

In May 2003, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued its Medicaid school based administrative claiming guide. In the Guide, CMS disallowed the enhanced reimbursement rate of 75% for outreach activities performed by SPMP staff in the schools effective January 1, 2003, determining that the qualifications needed to be considered an SPMP were not necessary in order to perform the types of administrative activities that take place in school settings.

In 2004, the State of Illinois filed an appeal with the Department of Health and Human Services' Department Appeals Board (DAB) to overturn CMS's disallowance. If overturned, states would again be eligible to claim enhanced Federal Financial Participation (FFP) on SPMP outreach activities retroactive to January 1, 2003.

Due to this appeal, and the fact that Michigan still needed to identify and collect this information through at least December 31, 2004 for backcasting purposes, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) made a decision to continue collecting this data for Michigan Medicaid School Based Services Administrative Outreach claims until such time as a decision was made by the DAB. That Decision was made on March 31, 2006, with the DAB upholding CMS's disallowance of the enhanced match for activities performed by SPMP staff in the schools.

On the basis of the DAB Decision, MDCH has determined that the identification and collection of SPMP data for School Based Services Administrative Outreach claims is no longer necessary. As a result, all references to activities assigned to SPMP staff; specifically activity codes 8 (Referral, Coordination, and Monitoring of Medicaid Services Performed by SPMPs) and 11 (Medicaid-Specific Training on Outreach Eligibility and Services Performed by SPMPs) and all references to enhanced FFP for those individuals and activities will be removed from Policy. The activity codes used for the random moment time studies will, therefore, be as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	
1.	MEDICAID OUTREACH AND PUBLIC AWARENESS
2.	NON-MEDICAID OUTREACH
3.	FACILITATING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION
4.	FACILITATING APPLICATION FOR NON-MEDICAID PROGRAMS
5.	PROGRAM PLANNING, POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION RELATED TO MEDICAL SERVICES
6.	PROGRAM PLANNING, POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND INTERAGENCY COORDINATION RELATED TO NON-MEDICAL SERVICES
7.	REFERRAL, COORDINATION, AND MONITORING OF MEDICAID SERVICES
9.	REFERRAL, COORDINATION, AND MONITORING OF NON-MEDICAID SERVICES
10.	MEDICAID-SPECIFIC TRAINING ON OUTREACH, ELIGIBILITY AND SERVICES
12.	NON-MEDICAID TRAINING
13.	DIRECT MEDICAL SERVICES
14.	TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF MEDICAID-COVERED SERVICES
15.	TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSLATION SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF NON-MEDICAID-COVERED SERVICES
16.	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
17.	SCHOOL-RELATED AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
18.	NOT SCHEDULED TO WORK AND NOT PAID

### **Manual Maintenance**

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated in the Medicaid Provider Manual.

### **Questions**

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