

Changes in Fee for Service July 1, 2008

Speech and Language

Recent changes in Medicaid School based services (SBS) program require that speech and language teachers have the Certificate of Clinical Competency (CCC) credential in order to bill Medicaid for direct services. Speech and Language teachers may bill for services if they work under the direction of a speech and language teacher who has their CCCs.

Personal Care Services

Personal Care Services (PCS) are a range of human assistance services provided to persons with disabilities and chronic conditions which enables them to accomplish tasks that they would normally do for themselves if they did not have a disability.

Personal Care Services may include:

Eating, feeding, meal preparation, respiratory assistance, toileting, grooming, dressing, personal hygiene, skin care, bathing, transferring, ambulation, mobility, positioning, maintaining continence, assistance with self administered medications, redirection and intervention for behavior, health related functions through hands-on assistance, supervision and cueing.

PCS providers include teachers aides, health care aides, instructional aides, bilingual aides, program assistants, trainable aides.

Random Moment Time Studies (RMTS)

The Michigan Department of Community Health has added three new Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) groups to comply with Federal Regulations: Direct Service, Case Management and Personal Care Services.

We are participating in the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) process for the Administrative Outreach and School-Based Services Programs. Eligible participants include but are not limited to Administrators, Audiologists, Counselors, Early Identification/Intervention personnel, Occupational Therapists, Occupational Therapy Assistants, Program Specialists, Psychologists, Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Social Workers-Masters Degree, Speech-Language Pathologists, Teacher Consultants, Case Managers and Personal Care Service providers.

This Random Moment Time Study is being performed to gather information about the amount of time that certain school staff spend performing direct service activities in support of special education students. This information is needed to determine federal reimbursement for which our county is eligible.

RMTS is the methodology that Michigan has been using for several years in order to determine the amount of time school staff spend on activities that are in support of the Medicaid program.

The RMTS will occur on a quarterly basis throughout the school year. You could be chosen at any point to participate in one or more of these random moment surveys. In the RMTS, a “moment” is one minute of time. Completion of the time study moment will require you to answer three questions regarding the activity you were performing during that one moment of work time.

If you are selected to participate, you will simply need to complete a Random Moment Time Study survey. Completing the moment should take no more than 10 minutes of your time. It is important that, if you are selected to complete a RMTS survey, you do so in a timely manner.

If you have any questions about the RMTS process, please feel free to contact Carol Sink at 269-471-7725, ext. 1143.

Staff Case Management

Effective July 1, 2008, only the student’s Designated Case Manger may bill for case management services. Staff Case Management has been deleted.

