



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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INTRODUCTION TO MEDICAID

As the District of Columbia's State Education Agency, the OSSE Medicaid Recovery Unit (MRU) has been designated as the liaison for the citywide Medicaid reimbursement program. As such, the MRU is positioned to partner with the local education agencies (LEA) to ensure the needed support is available to allow access to all Medicaid funding resources.

To that end, the MRU created the OSSE LEA Medicaid Guidelines. The guidelines are designed to support LEAs by providing key information and resources related to the Medicaid recovery process. The guidelines will enable participating LEAs to take advantage of this opportunity so that funding levels are maximized, to provide access to needed resources, and enhance service delivery in schools.

In accordance with Federal Medicaid law, the District of Columbia can be reimbursed for 70% of local expenditures on allowable, medically necessary school-based health services (SBHS). The Government of the District of Columbia and the Federal Government share the costs to administer SBHS programs. For LEAs to recoup the allowable federal match, LEAs must complete a provider application obtained from the Department of Healthcare Finance (DHCF) and participate in the administration of Random Moment Sampling (RMS).

RMS aids the District in accounting for the use of staff time when claiming federal funds to support costs. The purpose of the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) is to fairly allocate the costs, based on the fact that it is a federal requirement that states and the District of Columbia must determine shared administrative costs for each program. Participation in the RMS process ensures that school districts are reimbursed by Medicaid for all Medicaid-allowable costs associated with the delivery of medically necessary services to Medicaid-eligible students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). A minimum of 85% of all moments sampled within the District must be completed by the sampled staff. Failure to complete sampled moments could impact the time study results and reduce the amount of reimbursement available to those participating in the program and could limit the District's ability to continue to participate in the program which would eliminate their ability to claim reimbursement.

The accuracy of the system is critically dependent on the willingness and ability of each identified staff person included in the study to accurately report on programs and activities performed at the randomly selected moment. Participants are not required to understand complicated Medicaid regulations or activity codes, and the entire online process takes no more than a few minutes to complete.

To facilitate this process, OSSE has assumed the cost of providing LEAs with an automated RMTS process. With this service, even small LEAs can collect the data necessary to participate in claiming.

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education strongly encourages all LEAs to review the attached LEA guidelines, enroll as a Medicaid provider, and participate in RMTS.