



Expanded Nursing Services for Local Education Agencies

Pending approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”), the Department of Community Health (DCH) is proposing to expand the scope of nursing services provided to eligible Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members through its Children’s Intervention School Services (CISS) program. Please submit all questions regarding this proposed plan to the following email address: ciss.schoolnursingservices@dch.ga.gov.

Reimbursement for services rendered to Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids members.

Per the proposed plan, DCH will reimburse Local Education Agencies (LEAs) for medically necessary nursing services provided to children with an IEP, as well as currently enrolled Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members who do not have an IEP. These services will be provided pursuant to the provisions of the Part II, Policies and Procedures for Children’s Intervention School Services manual, which is available online at www.mmis.georgia.gov. The manual may be located by selecting the Provider Information tab, then the Provider Manuals dropdown list.

In order to receive reimbursement, the LEA must be an enrolled Medicaid provider. The LEA must be enrolled to participate in both the Children’s Intervention School Services Program and the Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE) Programs. Enrollment in both the CISS and ACE programs is required to receive reimbursement for direct nursing services rendered to eligible non-IEP Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members. LEAs may submit an enrollment application online at www.mmis.georgia.gov. The provider application may be accessed by selecting the Provider Enrollment tab, the Enrollment Wizard dropdown list, and then the Provider Enrollment Application link. LEAs may also obtain technical assistance by contacting the DXC Provider Call Center at (800) 766-4456.

Expanded services eligible for reimbursement.

Per the proposed plan, LEAs can receive reimbursement for the provision of direct nursing services (Children’s Intervention School Services Program), and for the administrative costs associated with administering nursing services (Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE) Program). Enrollment in both programs is required to receive reimbursement for either program. Direct nursing services must be covered services that are medically necessary and primarily medical in nature. The services may be provided by a Registered Nurse (RN) or by a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). Services must be rendered in the school setting to children ages 3-20. Direct nursing services may include:

- Providing health/mental health services contained in an Individualized Education Program (IEP);
- Medical/health assessments and evaluations as part of the development of an IEP;



- Conducting medical/health assessments/evaluations and diagnostic testing and preparing related reports;
- Providing personal aide services;
- Administering first aid, or prescribed injection or medication to a student;
- Providing direct clinical/treatment services;
- Performing development assessments;
- Providing counseling services to treat health, mental health, or substance abuse conditions;
- Developing a treatment plan (medical plan of care) for a student if provided as a medical service;
- Performing routine or mandated child health screens including but not limited to vision, hearing, dental, scoliosis, and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) screens;
- Providing immunizations; and,
- Activities that are services, or components of services, listed in the state's Medicaid plan.

The billable procedure codes for Nursing services will include T1002 (RN Services), T1502 (Medication Administration), and T1003 (LPN Services).

LEAs will be required to submit claims for reimbursement in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 200 of the Part I, Policies and Procedures for Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids® manual. The Part I, Policies and Procedures for Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids® manual is located online at www.mmis.georgia.gov under the Provider Information tab, Provider Manuals dropdown list, and on page 2 of the manual list.

Use of Telemedicine

LEAs are encouraged to use telemedicine. LEAs can serve and bill as a telemedicine originating site. An originating site is the location of an eligible Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids member at the time the services are furnished via a telecommunications system. As a condition of payment, an interactive audio and video telecommunications system that permits real-time communication between the provider, at the distant site, and the member, at the originating site, must be used. Asynchronous "store and forward" technology is not permitted. Additional information about telemedicine can be found in the Telemedicine Guidance document, located online at www.mmis.georgia.gov under the Provider Information tab, Provider Manuals dropdown list, and on page 2 of the manual list.

Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE)

LEAs may also receive reimbursement for administering nursing services. This program is called Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE). To reimburse LEAs for the administration of nursing services, DCH contracts with a vendor to administer a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS). The time study includes a comprehensive list of the activities performed by staff whose costs are to be claimed under Medicaid. That is, the time study must reflect all the time and activities (whether allowable or unallowable under Medicaid) performed by employees participating in the Medicaid administrative claiming program. The time study mechanism must entail careful documentation of



all work performed by certain school staff over a set period of time and is used to identify, measure and allocate the school staff time that is devoted to Medicaid reimbursable activities. The major categories in the time study are:

- CODE 1.a. Non-Medicaid Outreach
- CODE 1.b. Medicaid Outreach
- CODE 2.a. Facilitating Application for Non-Medicaid Programs
- CODE 2.b. Facilitating Medicaid Eligibility Determination
- CODE 3. School Related and Educational Activities
- CODE 4.a. Direct Medical Services – Not Covered as IDEA/IEP Services
- CODE 4.b. Direct Medical Services – Covered as IDEA/IEP Services
- CODE 5.a. Transportation for Non-Medicaid Services
- CODE 5.b. Transportation-Related Activities in Support of Medicaid Covered Services
- CODE 6.a. Non-Medicaid Translation
- CODE 6.b. Translation Related to Medicaid Services
- CODE 7.a. Program Planning, Policy Development, and Interagency Coordination Related to Non-Medical Services
- CODE 7.b. Program Planning, Policy Development and Interagency Coordination Related to Medical/Medicaid Services
- CODE 8.a. Non-Medical/Medicaid Training
- CODE 8.b. Medical/Medicaid Related Training
- CODE 9.a. Referral, Coordination, and Monitoring of Non-Medicaid Services
- CODE 9.b. Referral, Coordination, and Monitoring of Medicaid Services
- CODE 10. General Administration
- CODE 11. Not Scheduled to Work

Additional information about the ACE program can be found here:

<https://costreporting.pcgus.com/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fga>.

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