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PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

To receive Medicaid reimbursement for children ages three through 20, a local education agency (LEA) must be enrolled as a Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Health Services provider. For children birth through age 2, providers enroll with Medicaid and with EarlySteps. All Medicaid providers are enrolled in accordance with applicable requirements for the provider's designated type and specialty. Medicaid provider enrollment is performed by Medicaid's fiscal intermediary.

In Louisiana, for Medicaid covered IDEA Part B services, LEAs must enroll as an EPSDT Health and IDEA-Related Services provider, which is Provider Type 70 (EPSDT Health and IDEA-Related Services). Medicaid provider enrollment of LEAs is performed by Medicaid's fiscal intermediary. For IDEA, Part C services, providers must enroll as an EPSDT Health Services provider or Provider Type 29. IDEA, Part C EPSDT providers must also enroll with EarlySteps. Information regarding provider enrollment with EarlySteps can be found at <http://earlysteps.dhh.louisiana.gov>.

Effective May 1, 2012, KIDMED which was the screening component of EPSDT that provided for medical, vision, and hearing and screening services is no longer in operation. Services previously offered through this program are now provided through Bayou Health, the new health care delivery model in Louisiana. For children exempt from enrollment in Bayou Health these services shall be provided by their primary care physician.

As part of the documents required for enrollment in EPSDT Health Services, the LEA (school board) must certify and assure that it does have the state and/or local match funds available to draw down the federal share of the EPSDT Health Services reimbursements for services provided to children with special needs. The LEA must also certify and assure that in participating in this program and qualifying for matching funds, no federal funds received by or available to the LEA will be used for matching or recapturing federal funds for reimbursement for provision of Medicaid covered services.

Rendering Provider

The rendering provider must meet Medicaid-qualified provider criteria if the LEA/EarlySteps provider bills Medicaid for the services performed. These criteria include state licensure, and in some cases, certification, registration or other professional or academic credentials. In addition, the rendering provider must provide services within the scope of their professional licensure or certification and, if applicable, be supervised as required by professional practice acts. Practitioners providing IEP/IFSP services must not appear on the Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General's "List of Excluded Individuals and Entities," which is available online. (Refer to Appendix E for contact information)

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The rendering provider is an employee or contractor of the LEA and/or EarlySteps. The individual practitioner/rendering provider need not be enrolled in the Medicaid program in order for the LEA to bill for covered IEP services performed by that practitioner; however, the practitioner must meet all applicable Medicaid provider qualifications. It is the responsibility of the LEA to ensure that the rendering provider satisfies the Medicaid provider qualifications as well as applicable state licensure and certification requirements for his or her discipline.

Even if the rendering provider is enrolled in Medicaid and has a provider number, the LEA provider number must be used in both the “rendering provider” and “billing provider” fields on the Medicaid claim form or electronic claim transaction when billing for Medicaid-covered IEP or health-related services.

As stated above, for IFSP-covered services the rendering provider must be enrolled with Medicaid.

For IDEA Part B Programs, effective January 1, 2012, Psychological Services previously offered through this program will now be provided through Magellan Health Care, the state management organization for behavioral health services in Louisiana.