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**CHAPTER 20: EPSDT HEALTH AND IDEA – RELATED SERVICES**

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**PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) requires that all EPSDT Health Services providers enrolled in Medicaid give the following statement in writing to each Medicaid-eligible recipient and/or caregiver at the time a written plan of care is developed.

Your child is eligible to receive services to meet his/her needs. The services may be provided by the school system or you may take your child to another provider that accepts Medicaid.

EPSDT Health Services program requirements for reimbursement are:

- All services must be furnished through a child specific authorizing document: IEP, 504 plan, individual health plan or medically necessary written plan of care. Only services provided through one of these care plans may be billed to Medicaid under the EPSDTs Health and School Based Services program.
- LEAs (local education agencies) are eligible to receive reimbursement for services provided to children ages three through age 20.
- Health care practitioners and staff must be licensed and qualified to provide the services that meet state and Medicaid practitioner standards regarding professional licensure, certification, and supervision. Current documentation of practitioner and staff licensure, certification, education and skill verification must be provided to Medicaid as part of the enrollment and monitoring process. Refer to Section 20.1 of this manual chapter for applicable qualifications.
- All Medicaid reimbursement from health services provided to students must be spent on the provision of health related services to children regardless of their Medicaid status.
- Expenditures should be prioritized for expanding service delivery through additional employed or contracted staff before allocating funds for equipment and supplies, administrative support activities, capital improvements, or meeting the individual needs of children with disabilities.
- Medicaid funds should not be used for strictly educational or non-medical purposes.