

## Ohio Medicaid Schools Program (MSP): A Reimbursement Strategy for Schools



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### Overview



- Medicaid covers **medically necessary** services in school settings for eligible recipients
- MSP allows for reimbursement of services indicated on Medicaid eligible students' Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
- Not additional services, but additional reimbursement potential for schools
- MSP helps open up otherwise-mandate local resources to cover other services and supports not mandated by IDEA (nurses, teachers)

## Providers v Practitioners

- School districts can choose to be a provider in MSP
- Schools can contract with ESCs, clinics, individual practitioners for reimbursable services
- ESCs cannot be a direct 'provider of record'
- Nurses and therapists are 'practitioners'

## Available Services

Medicaid Services available outside school setting

- Therapy Services (PT, OT, Speech)
- Nursing Services (IEP specified)
- Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Medical Transportation
- Administrative Activities
  - e.g., service coordination



## Nursing Services

- Not all nursing services covered
  - Only services for Medicaid eligible
  - Only services on a student's IEP
- Because of RMTS, not all allowable nursing services are reimbursed
  - RMTS is a statewide pool
  - Because there are many school nurses, and most are low % of their time completing reimbursable services, they lower statewide RMTS
  - Check with your Special Education director if you have questions

## Main Administrative Components

- Interim Claiming
- Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)
- Cost Report
- Agreed Upon Procedures



## Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

- All direct services
- Each cost pool percentage independent of others
- Cost pools
  - Direct services
  - Targeted Case Management
  - Administrative activities
- Online system
  - 3 questions



## Current Participation

- Approx. 550 school districts
  - Traditional school districts
  - Community (or charter) schools
- ESC status (contracts only)
  - Rationale: no direct IEP responsibility
  - Same for CBs of MRDD



## Current Topics of Interest

- HB89
- Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Ordering, Referring, and Prescribing (ORP)
- School Health Care Centers
- Schools and Health Care coordination

