

Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Special Education Unit Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities Medicaid in the Schools, October 2019

New MITS Webpage

In August 2019, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) launched the main content for the new Medicaid in the Schools (MITS) website on the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) page. The newly developed website is intended to serve as an all-inclusive resource for Medicaid billing and service operation for school district personnel and partnering providers. The DESE continues to collaborate with the Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) to develop direct billable service specific pages. These direct billable service pages are specific to the State Medicaid plan for approved school-based services. Since August, two of the direct billable service pages have been released to include School-Based Therapy Services and School-Based Personal Care Services. Set for release later this fall are the Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT), School-Based Mental Health, and Audiology webpages.

ARMAC

The DESE implemented the newly developed Arkansas Medicaid Administrative Claiming (ARMAC) Random Moment Time Study software this fall. The implementation of this new software resulted in a few key changes for school personnel regarding the local operation of the ARMAC program, including ARMAC Roster submissions and the annual mandated ARMAC testing process. School personnel may now designate the district roster using job assignment codes in the eFinance system, thus allowing DESE staff to pull employee costs directly, resulting in a lower risk for data entry errors. Secondly, the mandated annual ARMAC testing process now requires all participants to test prior to participating in the random moment time study, thus resulting in better compliance and understanding on behalf of those participating in the time study.

State Agency Joint Guidance

The DESE has worked closely with the Division of Health and Human Services (DHS) to develop clear guidance for school personnel and collaborating providers regarding billing for school-based services. Our goal is to continue these collaborative efforts in a way to ensure all related personnel have clear understanding from both State agencies involved in guiding, monitoring, and complying with Medicaid related operations for school-based services. As a result, the following Joint Guidance documents have been released since September 2019:

- Joint Guidance on Billing for Part VI-B Services: Medicaid Beneficiaries transition from Early Intervention Day Treatment Center (EIDT) to local education agency (LEA)
- Joint Guidance for Medicaid Provider-Led Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) Beneficiaries Receiving School-Based Services
- Joint Guidance for School-Based Personal Care Services

All of the updated information may be found on the new MITS website at:

<http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/learning-services/school-health-services/arkansas-medicaid-in-the-schools>