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To: Medicaid School Program (MSP) Stakeholders

Subject: MSP Draft Rules and Program Update

Attached for your review and comment is the most recent draft of the administrative rules for implementing Ohio's proposed Medicaid School Program (MSP). These rules are the result of a considerable amount of work over the past six months by ODJFS in collaboration with ODE and a number of MSP stakeholders. An attempt was made to balance the concerns raised by stakeholders with the elements expected by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and those needed to gain CMS approval of the proposed program.

We ask that you review this document carefully and provide us with any comments or questions you have that would facilitate the implementation of this new program. Questions and comments can be addressed in email to schoolmedicaid@ode.state.oh.us.

Our expectation is that these administrative rules will be filed on an emergency basis once federal approval is received for the Medicaid State Plan Amendment to create the MSP. Even though MSP may not actually be implemented until the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year, ODJFS can begin accepting Medicaid provider applications from schools when the administrative rules take effect.

We encourage schools to begin the process of talking with Educational Service Centers (ESCs) and County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities that operate school or pre-school programs to develop contractual relationships that can allow MSP services these organizations provide to be billed to Medicaid through the child's school district of residence.

While we cannot estimate the date that federal approval will be received, ODE and ODJFS are working on putting in place the MSP cost report, a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) for school personnel employed by or contracting with schools to deliver services, and/ or conduct administration activities related to the MSP, and the content of various trainings that school professionals will need.

Your input and assistance is appreciated. We want to continue working with you and to improve the lines of communication as this important program moves forward.