

Medicaid School Reimbursement Update – August 18, 2016

The licensure board would like to disseminate an update that was received today from the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition and the Ohio Speech-Language Pathology Supervisory and Audiology Network regarding the Medicaid school reimbursement changes for school districts seeking reimbursement announced earlier this year. An amendment has been drafted to a bill in the Ohio General Assembly that will give school-based Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists the authority to order, refer, and prescribe for IEP services in the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP), without a physician prescription. The goal is for passage of this legislation by the end of this year. While the legislation is pending, the Ohio Department of Medicaid indicated that it will continue to accept and process MSP claims as they have in the past. Once the bill is passed, MSP related service personnel providers, such as school-based speech-language pathologists and educational audiologists, will receive information about enrolling as “ORP Only” providers. School-based licensees are not required to take any action at this time; you should continue to assess, evaluate, and provide services to students under an IEP, as you have in the past. School-based licensees who have questions should contact the appropriate personnel in their school district, e.g., immediate supervisor or Pupil Service Director, for further updates and information about this pending resolution. The licensure board will announce further updates as soon as information becomes available.