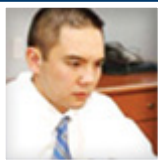
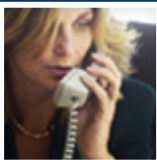




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SEMI Program Overview: Introduction



- The purpose of the SEMI program is to recover a portion of costs for certain Medicaid covered services provided to Medicaid-eligible special education students enrolled in participating Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and DCF Regional Schools
- Federal Medicaid revenue is available through the SEMI program *only when* Federal and State Medicaid requirements are met
- All information in this presentation is posted on the official SEMI Program website hosted by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury
 - <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/administration/SemiMac.htm>

SEMI Program Overview: Reimbursable Services



- Direct Services include:
 - Nursing Services
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Psychological Counseling
 - Speech Therapy
- IEP Meeting services include:
 - Initial
 - Reevaluations
 - Annuals Reviews
 - IEP Revisions
- Specialized Transportation
- All services for reimbursement must be prescribed in the student's IEP

SEMI Program Overview: District Reimbursement



- SEMI Rates – FY08 District Share of Reimbursement
 - Direct (Related) Services = \$9.59 per date of service
 - Rate is same regardless of duration or related service type
 - Example: One PT service in a group setting for a half hour will be reimbursed the same amount as an OT service on the same day in an individual setting for 45 minutes
 - IEP (Evaluation) Meetings = \$276.75 per IEP Meeting
 - Specialized Transportation = \$4.53 per date of service when a related service is delivered
 - Example: Transportation reimbursed on date when related service is received but not on date when student uses transportation but no related service is rendered



SEMI Program Overview: Compliance

- SEMI Qualified Personnel
 - LEAs are responsible for verifying and maintaining documentation that support services billed are provided by qualified practitioners
- Record Retention
 - LEAs must maintain all service and financial records, supporting documents, and other student records relating to the delivery of services reimbursed by Medicaid for at least seven (7) years from the date of service
 - Historical service information entered and uploaded into EasyTRAC™/EasyIEP™ will be accessible to the district in the event of an audit
- Parental Consent
 - LEAs must obtain the parent's/legal guardian's informed written consent prior to any disclosures of personally identifiable information from education records, including health information, to Medicaid for reimbursement
 - Parental consent forms must be maintained in the district up to seven (7) years after a student has withdrawn from the district



Revenue Projections

- New Jersey school districts received revenue projection based upon the following assumptions
 - All health services are being documented
 - Classified student receives one (1) IEP meeting per year and two (2) related services per month for 10 months
 - Services documented in compliance with SEMI requirements
 - Parental consent
 - Services prescribed in IEP
 - Services provided by SEMI qualified provider
 - Physician authorization for nursing services
 - *Estimated Number of Claimable Students*
 - Based on district's Free/Reduced Lunch Rate and Dec. 1 Count as reported by district to the DOE in 2007
 - Estimated Number of claimable students =
(Free/Reduced Lunch Rate) x (Special Education Population)

A-5 Regulations: Action Plan



- Districts required to participate or those opting to participate must create action plans
 - Must be filled out by all new SEMI participating districts AND by districts that did not reach 90% parent consent rate for FY08
 - Template provided by Department of Education
 - Alternate format will be accepted
 - Must be received by county superintendent by September 1st deadline



A-5 Regulations: Implementing the SEMI program

- If the district **does not have** a Medicaid Provider Number:
 - LEA Assurance Certification form and Board Approval
 - Send to Elaine Lerner at DOE
 - Office of Provider Enrollment sends NJ Medicaid provider enrollment package to district's chief school administrator to be completed *and* returned
 - Office of Provider Enrollment will then notify the district of their assigned Medicaid Provider Number
 - Send PCG the Data Sharing Agreement, schedule start up meeting with PCG and begin process to obtain parental consent
- If district **has** a Medicaid Provider Number:
 - Request Medicaid Provider Number's backup documents from DOE
 - Contact PCG to verify that Medicaid Provider Number can be reinstated
 - Schedule start up meeting with PCG
 - Sign and send Data Sharing Agreement to PCG
 - Implement process for obtaining parental consent



A-5 Regulations: Waiver Process

- Districts have the ability to apply for a waiver using the following information
 - Projection provided by Department of Education
 - Alternate district-level information
- Waiver criteria:
 - The district has fewer than 30 claimable students as projected by the DOE
OR
 - The district provides reliable evidence that the SEMI program would not be of cost-benefit to the district
- This information should be documented and submitted to the county office by September 1st
 - No template for waiver form
 - Must be board approved
 - Board minutes may be submitted after deadline



Who to contact

- County Offices
 - Submit waivers and action plans
 - County superintendent
- Department of Education
 - SEMI enrollment application
 - Elaine Lerner – elaine.lerner@doe.state.nj.us
 - Medicaid Provider Enrollment
- Public Consulting Group
 - Program Implementation (609) 275-0250
 - Sheldon Epps – sepps@pcgus.com
 - Dennis Finnegan – dfinnegan@pcgus.com
 - Andrew Jaico – ajaico@pcgus.com