

Medicaid in Education Alert

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TO: All SSHSP Medicaid Providers

FROM: NYS DOH OHIP SSHSP &
NYSED Medicaid in Education Unit

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SUBJECT: Clarification on SSHSP Medicaid Reimbursement for
Evaluations

The purpose of this Medicaid Alert is to notify SSHSP providers that effective immediately, Medicaid reimbursement is available for physical therapy evaluations, occupational therapy evaluations, speech therapy evaluations and psychological evaluations only when the IEP includes a recommendation for ongoing services based on the evaluation results. For example, if a student with an IEP which includes speech therapy is evaluated for occupational therapy needs, that occupational therapy evaluation is not billable to Medicaid unless the IEP is revised to include ongoing occupational therapy services. In addition, all other Medicaid requirements must be met:

- The written order/referral (dated prior to the evaluation) must be on file,
- The evaluation must be completed by a Medicaid qualified provider,
- The evaluation must be documented, and
- The evaluation must be included in the IEP.

SSHSP Q+A #57 and the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) Medicaid-In-Education Provider Policy and Billing Handbook (Update #8) have both been updated to reflect this clarified policy and can be accessed online at:

http://www.oms.nysed.gov/medicaid/news_announcements/

This is the same policy which applies to available reimbursement for initial evaluations done prior to the development of the student's IEP, that is, Medicaid will only pay for such evaluations when the IEP includes a recommendation for ongoing services (in the same discipline for which the student was evaluated). Please refer to [Medicaid Alert #12-03](#) for additional information.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this alert, please contact the NYS Department of Health at (518) 473-2160, your local Regional Information Center representative, or the NYS Education Department, Medicaid Unit at medined@mail.nysed.gov.