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NEWSLETTER

A monthly circulation featuring updates, resources, events and answers to technical assistance questions regarding the New Hampshire Medicaid to Schools Program.

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FAQ Highlights

This section includes technical assistance questions the MTS Training and TA Center have responded to during the previous month. The Compilation of FAQs includes all questions that have been answered since August 2021.

Q: I am working on matching the appropriate ICD 10 codes for a couple of my students that are identified with OHI due to either a disease not listed. When I go to the website to find the code that matches those disabilities and is billable I get codes that are not listed in the Codes Categorized by IDEA sheet. I am looking for guidance on which codes should be used or if more will be added to the sheet.

A: The lists JSI created are not all inclusive. The list attached does have common disease codes, but there may be more specific codes that certain student needs. You can go to the ICD 10 coding website: <https://www.icd10data.com/> to find a code that will fit those specific diagnoses.

Q: Consults that BCBA's provide to other providers while a student is present more than 51% or more of the time is common in school settings, as

A: For BCBA services the consultation would be allowable under the CPT code regulations itself. The description of [CPT code 97151](#) reads "*Behavior*

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[2022 billing companion guide](#), the answer around consultations was yes for OT, PT, and Speech, but still gathering information regarding consults for BCBA's and Nurses. BCBA consultation is very common in the school setting. Can we bill that BCBA consult where the student is present 51% or more of the time as an individual treatment (like speech, PT, OT)?

guardian(s)/caregiver(s) administering assessments and discussing findings and recommendations, and non-face-to-face analyzing past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan." This description covers consultation services with the student present 51% of the time and is actually more expansive allowing for assessment scoring and preparation of report/ treatment plans to be given by the BCBA and billed even without the child present. For nursing this still remains an item that the JSI team will be advocating around with the Medicaid team.

Review all questions received in July 2022

Compilation of FAQs

Events, News, and Resources

Events

- The 20th Annual National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) Conference will be hosted in Baltimore on **October 24th-27th, 2022**. Registration details can be found [HERE](#).
- ★ September MTS Stakeholder Meeting - The New Hampshire Technical Assistance and Training Center will be hosting our September MTS Stakeholders meeting on **September 29th, 2022 10 AM - 12 PM**. [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Resources

and available [HERE](#).

- With Mental Health as a focus of many new opportunities in MTS we want to assist the New Hampshire Psychological Association (NHPA) Behavioral Healthcare Advocacy Committee (BHAC) in gathering information regarding credentialing and contracting with any of the Medicaid contractors. If you have credentialed yourself or a provider in your practice/facility, please email BHAC@nhpsychology.org.
 - They would like to know:
 - How long credentialing and contracting took from the start of the application process to when claims for the provider could be submitted for reimbursement
 - Approximate dates of when you credentialed
 - The size of your practice
 - Your experience of the process, for example, was it straightforward? Did you need to follow up? Were there any delays in processing the application?
- Healthy Students, Promising Futures has created a fact sheet outlining the types of behavioral health crisis coverage that exists in each state. In New Hampshire this covers Behavioral health services as crisis intervention. Read the Healthy Student, Promising Future's factsheet [HERE](#).

News

- ★ New to the world of Medicaid and Medicaid to Schools? The K-12 Dive gives an overview of what these changes and expansions in Medicaid through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act can mean for schools! Read more [HERE](#).
- The White House has released two new actions to address youth mental health, one of which was a letter to encourage governor's to expand Medicaid coverage for school based services. Read more [HERE](#).
- The COVID-19 crisis made school based health ever more important as Americans struggled to access healthcare. A study done of School Based Health Centers in Connecticut showed that during the current public health crisis School based health centers served as "invaluable means of ensuring youth, particularly those from disadvantaged communities, have access to needed behavioral health services". Read more [HERE](#).

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discusses the vaccination gap that has occurred due to the public health emergency and what educational settings can do to help. Read more [HERE](#)

Consultation Hours - These meetings act as a way to share knowledge and experiences in order to better understand knowledge gaps, strategize and resolve common issues.

NEW SCHEDULE: Every other Friday from 9:00am -10:00am for Summer 2022

- August 12, 26 - [Zoom Link](#)

Technical Assistance Requests List

Request Technical Assistance



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