



# MEDICAID AND SCHOOLS COORDINATORS' MEETING

DMAS Updates  
March 8, 2022

# Agenda

- Medicaid Provider Portal
- Requirements for ORP NPI on claims
- Billing taxonomy requirement coming
- Free care or expanding options for reimbursement

# MES/PRSS/Provider Portal

- Medicaid Enterprise System (MES)
  - This is the whole data/info system
- Provider Services Solution (PRSS)
  - This is a module within the MES for provider data/information
- Provider Portal
  - Part of PRSS that providers can directly access to:
    - Enroll and maintain their enrollment information
    - Submit claims
    - Check member eligibility
    - Access manuals, memos and other key info
    - Complete enrollment revalidation steps

# Provider Portal

- Key dates
  - Provider enrollment off-line until April 4
  - Access to portal for provider account maintenance off-line until April 4
  - **Providers can access the portal beginning March 21 in order to assign delegate(s)**
  - EDI claims submission off-line from March 26 until April 4
  - Direct data entry off-line from March 29 until April 4
  - No claims payment on April 1 (claims that would typically have been paid April 1 will be paid April 15).

# Provider Portal

- For additional information:
  - DMAS Provider Bulletin dated March 4, 2022  
<https://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/wps/portal/MedicaidMemostoProviders>
  - DMAS website at <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/medicaid-enterprise-system/fee-for-service-providers/>
  - Provider Portal FAQs (includes helpdesk contact info) at <https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/provider/faq>
- Email questions to [AskMES@dmas.virginia.gov](mailto:AskMES@dmas.virginia.gov)

# Provider Portal

- Coming soon: Provider Enrollment Wizard
  - An on-line wizard that will guide providers through the enrollment process
- Video trainings, Provider Portal Manual available at <https://vamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov/training/providers>

# Provider Portal

- Three critical processes for providers using the Provider Portal
  - Provider registration with MES to gain access to the portal
  - Provider enrollment with PRSS
  - Provider enrollment revalidation
    - Providers that are registered to use PRSS will receive email notifications with instructions on the process at 90-, 60- and 30 days prior to the revalidation deadline

# Provider Portal

- Three critical processes for coordinators, billing vendors using the Provider Portal
  - DDE (Direct Data Entry)
  - EDI (Electronic Data Interface)
  - Provider (school division) enrollment
  - Provider (school division) account maintenance, revalidation



# Requirements for ORP NPIs on claims

Drafted language for Chapter V of the LEA Provider Manual:

*"An applicable DMAS-enrolled ordering, referring and prescribing provider for school based services means that an NPI of a DMAS-enrolled, licensed healthcare provider acting within the scope of their license, consistent with Virginia law, has made a determination that the referred services are needed".*

# Requirements for ORP NPIs on claims

- For purposes of using their NPI on a claim for school-based services, the ORP must be enrolled with DMAS. The ORP:
  - Does not have to have provided (rendered) the service
  - Does not have to have supervised the person that rendered the service
  - Does not have to have written or signed off on the plan of care
  - Does not have to be employed by or contracted by the school

# Billing Taxonomy

- Starting April 4, schools must include a Health Care Provider Taxonomy Code with all claims.
- Provider manual updates will include additional detail in Chapter V.
- Code 251300000X may be used for Local Education Agencies

# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Planned changes\*: **Students**
  - Currently, reimbursement for costs of providing these services is only available if they are included in an IEP:
    - Physical therapy (PT)
    - Occupational therapy (OT)
    - Speech-language therapy (SLP)
    - Audiological services
    - Nursing
    - Behavioral/Mental Health services
    - Personal care
    - Medical evaluation
    - Specialized transportation

\*These changes depend on CMS approval of our state plan amendment

# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Expanding options: **Students**

If CMS approves DMAS’ state plan amendment as proposed, schools will be allowed to cost report these services when provided to all students.

# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Planned changes\*: **Services**
  - Adding:
    - Behavior therapy (aka applied behavior analysis, adaptive behavior therapy)
      - Assessments
      - Interventions
    - Behavioral health crisis intervention
    - Nursing services provided based on district or state-wide orders or protocols for school health services
      - Some school nursing services will not require a student-specific physician order

**Note,** Specialized transportation may not be claimed for students outside of the IEP.

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# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Planned changes\*: **Providers**
  - The following will also be able to enroll as ORP providers
    - Licensed behavior analysts (BCBAs)
    - School psychologists licensed by DOE
    - School counselors licensed by DOE
    - School social workers licensed by DOE

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# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Planned changes\*: **Billing/Interim claims**
  - Billing professionals will use a code modifier to indicate “IEP” versus “non-IEP” on the interim claim form.
  - Billing professionals will use a modifier to indicate “order” versus “non-order” for nursing services.

\*These changes depend on CMS approval of our state plan amendment



# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Drafts of LEA provider manuals will be posted to Virginia Town Hall
- Training for coordinators, providers May 2-4
- Target date for implementing changes is July 1, 2022

# “Free Care” or Expanding Options for Reimbursement

- Cost settlement procedures must also change
  - LEA administrative claiming, direct services claiming and RMTS guides will also change
  - Changes are in the planning phase now
  - These also must be approved by CMS

# Questions about free care?

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