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Division: Health And Long Term  
Care

TO: Local District Commissioners

SUBJECT: Medicaid Coverage of Early Intervention Services in the  
Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs) and Preschool  
Services in the Individualized Educational Programs (IEPs)  
of Children in the Care at Home Programs

ATTACHMENTS: None

The purpose of this LCM is to discuss:

1. Early Intervention when such services are provided to children birth through 2 years of age who are concurrently approved to participate in the Care At Home Programs; and
2. Preschool (special education) when such services are provided to children ages 3 to 5 who are concurrently approved to participate in the Care at Home Programs.

EARLY INTERVENTION

- o At this time, and until utilization data is available, Early Intervention services are excluded from the individual child's Care At Home Medicaid cap; and
- o Case management (service coordination) services provided to Care At Home children can only be billed to MMIS as Care At Home case management.

A. The 58 Local Early Intervention Agencies will bill MMIS for the following Early Intervention services:

<u>RATE CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE CODE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
5342	Screening	5343	Core Evaluation
5344	Physician Evaluation	5345	Non-physician Evaluation
5346	Home and Community-based Individual or Collateral Visit		
5347	Office/Facility-based Individual or Collateral Visit	5348	Parent-child Group Visit
5349	Basic Group Developmental Intervention Visit	5350	Basic Group Developmental Intervention Visit with 1:1 Aide
5351	Enhanced Group Developmental Intervention Visit	5352	Enhanced Group Developmental Intervention Visit with 1:1 Aide
5353	Family/Caregiver Support Group Visit		

The cost for the above services, which can only be billed by a Local Early Intervention Agency, should be excluded from the Care At Home child's monthly budget cap. The Early Intervention costs should be reported in the "OTHER" column on the child's monthly budget.

B. While a Local Early Intervention Agency is also authorized to bill MMIS for Rate Code 5244 Early Intervention Service Coordination (CMCM), it is not permitted to utilize this rate code for case management services provided to Care At Home eligible children. Due to the requirements pertaining to Medicaid waivers, case management for Care At Home children must continue to be billed by the Medicaid approved Care At Home case management provider using the appropriate rate codes.

Furthermore, recent WMS system modifications preclude the entry of code 35 in the recipient restriction/exception subsystem in WMS for children in the Care At Home waivers. In addition, all costs related to Care At Home case management services billed to Medicaid must be counted toward the child's Care At Home Medicaid cap.

PRESCHOOL

Certain services in the IEP of preschool children will be billed to Medicaid by the county or municipality. Services billed to Medicaid are: occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy; in the future, these services will be expanded.

At this time and until further notice, the cost for services in the child's IEP billed by the county or municipality to Medicaid on behalf of a child in the Care At Home Programs can be excluded from the child's cap on the child's CAH monthly budget. These costs should be listed in the "Other" column on the child's monthly budget.

Only services on the preschool child's IEP billed directly to Medicaid by the county or municipality can be excluded from the CAH child's monthly cap.

Please note that this policy conforms with that explained in 93 LCM-178 with reference to the treatment of IEP services billed by school districts on behalf of school-age children. As with school-age children, the Medicaid services billed by the county or municipality for IEP services provided to preschool children are not charged to the local social services district or State Medicaid budgets. In the case of preschool IEP services billed by the county or municipality, the State and Local Medicaid shares are paid by county or municipality and the State Education Department.

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