



ARMAC 101
Program Overview and Data Review

October 17, 2006

Medicaid in the Schools (MITS) Summit

Special Education Unit

Arkansas Department of Education



3 Key ARMAC Questions



- ◆ What is ARMAC?
- ◆ What is the purpose of ARMAC?
- ◆ Why should districts participate?



ARMAC



- ◆ A program that allows school districts to receive federal reimbursement for Medicaid administrative activities being performed by school personnel.

Most importantly...the activities applicable to this program primarily involve those already being done by staff.

Examples of “Medicaid Administrative Activities”

✓ **Medicaid Outreach:**

“Talking with a family about Medicaid services for their child.”

✓ **Facilitating Medicaid Eligibility:**

“Assisting a family fill out a Medicaid application”
or “Verifying Medicaid eligibility

Examples of “Medicaid Administrative Activities”

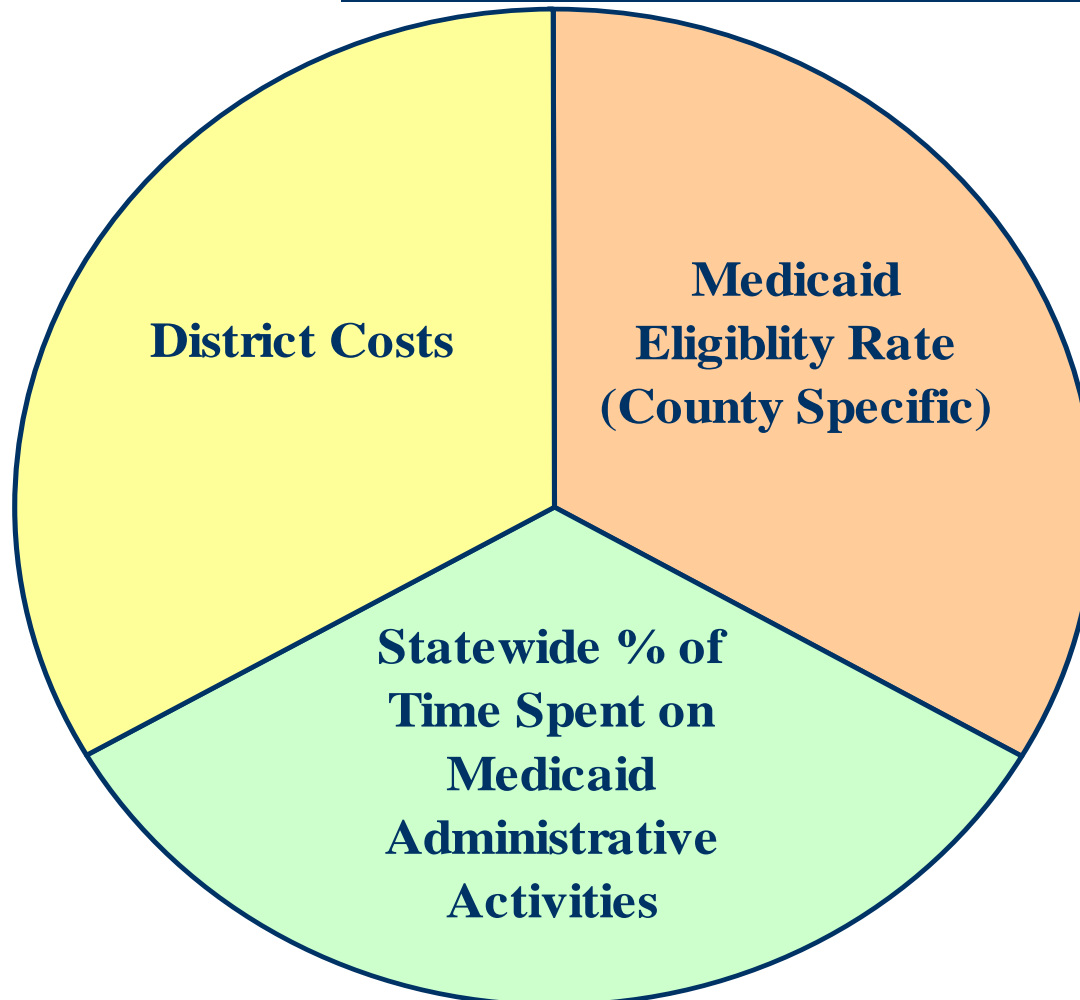
✓ **Referring/Coordinating Medicaid Services:**

“Discussing the need for Mental Health, OT, PT, or SLP referral/services with professionals, parents, or guardians.”

✓ **Monitoring Medicaid Services:**

“Discussing the progress of a student’s Medicaid service(s) with parents or other staff.”

ARMAC Reimbursement Factors





ARMAC Reimbursement Factors: A Closer Look

- ◆ Part 1: Medicaid Eligibility Rate per County
- ◆ Part 2: District Cost
(excluding federal funds)
- ◆ Part 3: Statewide % of Time Spent on
Medicaid Administrative Activities

The ARMAC Time Study Process

Q & A

Q: How is the statewide amount of time spent on Medicaid administrative activities measured?

A: By conducting a Random Moment Time Study
Method designed to measure amount of time spent on Medicaid administrative activities.

ARMAC Random Moment



ARMAC TIME STUDY APPLICATION

Welcome, Melissa Bailey

v1.6 8/24/2006

Tue Oct 10 13:03:06 CDT 2006

Welcome to the ARMAC Time Study Moments Page - You may use this page to Respond to a Moment and you may fill out Additional Response if your previous Response has been Rejected by your District Coder. If your Response had been rejected, you will see the District Coder's Response to why your response was rejected.

Message:

ARMAC Random Moment Time Study

First Name	Melissa
Last Name	Bailey
School District	Nettleton
Position	20 - Speech Therapist
Moment Date Time	10/10/2006 11:54:00 AM

If you are not the person listed in the information above, please click the Notify Admin button.

Question

At the selected time and date above, I was:

Response

ARMAC Random Moment

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Reponse
I was reviewing a list of medicaid students to determine who had physicians scripts sent already sent on them and how many scripts had been received signed by the physician.

Reponse History
Melissa Bailey (10/10/2006 2:05:02 PM) : I was reviewing a list of medicaid students to determine who had physicians scripts sent already sent on them and how many scripts had been received signed by the physician.

[Save Response](#)

[Reset](#)

ARMAC Random Moment

Message:

ARMAC Random Moment Time Study

First Name	Morgan
Last Name	Elliott
School District	Clinton
Position	26 - Billing Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Moment Date Time	3/6/2006 3:10:00 PM

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Reponse

Reponse History

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ARMAC Data Review



- ◆ Number of Participating Districts/Co-ops - 188
- ◆ Avg. Reimbursement per Student - \$10
- ◆ Avg. # of Moments per Participant - 1.1

ARMAC Response Summary

- Avg. Time Spent on School Related Activities - 51%
- Avg. Time Spent on Direct Medical Services - 16%
- Avg. Time Spent on General Admin. Activities - 17%

These Activities Represent 84% of All Responses

11% of All Responses Reimbursable



Maximizing ARMAC Reimbursement

- ◆ Include Core Staff in ARMAC
- ◆ Ensure All Emails Verified
- ◆ Include all applicable incurred costs

Lost ARMAC Revenues?

Avg. reimbursement per student \$10 (Total ADM)

Actual Avg. Reimbursement per District per Qtr

300 ADM = \$2,949.52

500 - 700 ADM = \$4,640.39

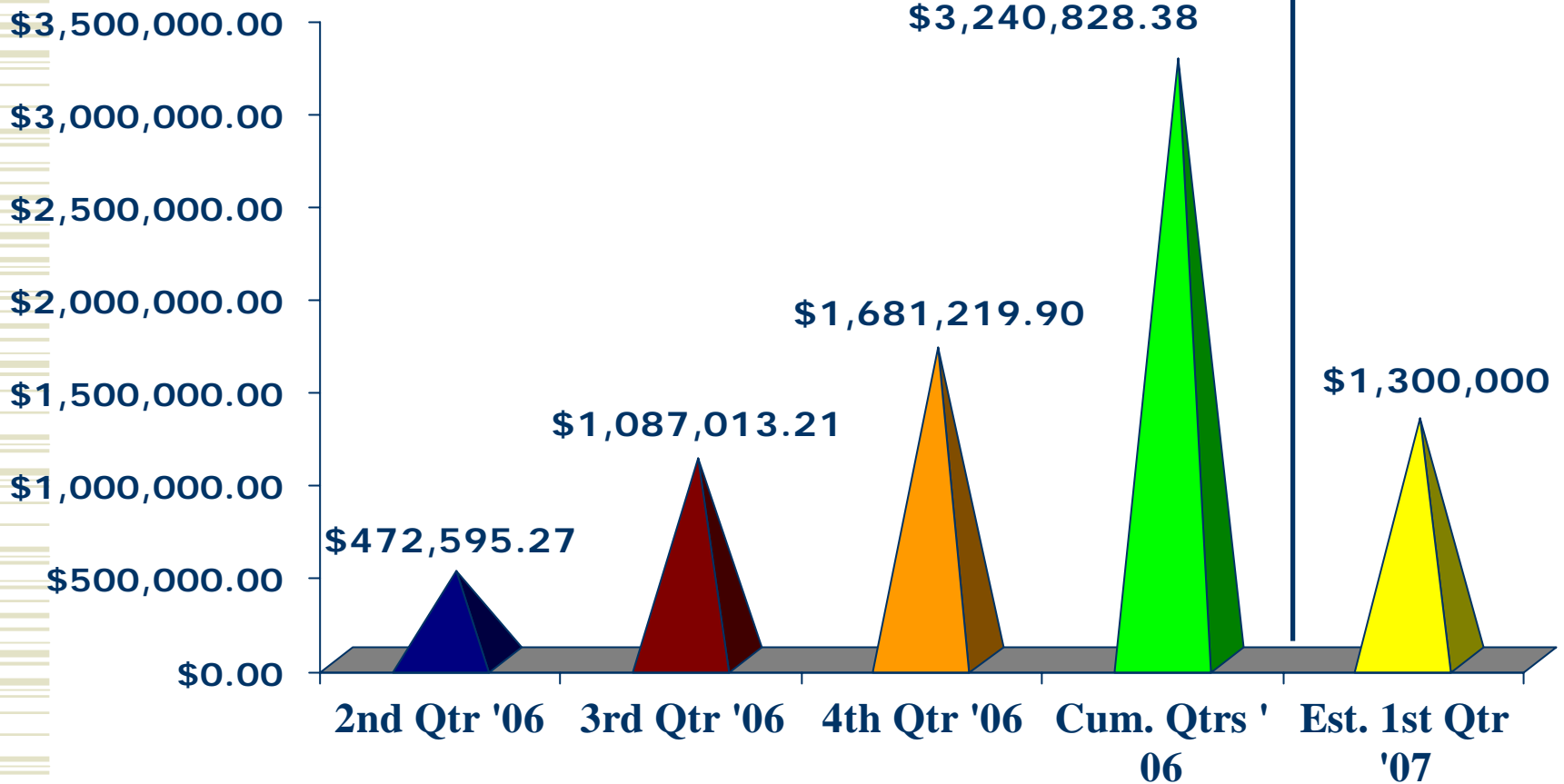
1,000 - 2000 ADM = \$8,884.33

2,000 - 4000 ADM = \$9,626.82

5,000+ ADM = \$18,307.15

***For activities already being performed by staff.

2006 ARMAC Data



Questions

- ◆ Upcoming ARMAC Trainings & Other Info.

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