



**MEDICAID IN THE SCHOOLS
PROGRAM UPDATE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**



AUGUST 7, 2018

QUARTER (JULY 1, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018)

UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT:

- Quarter IV Match reports are expected to be emailed via a secure link to District Business Manager, ARMAC Coordinators, and LEA Supervisors first week of September. Districts should use the Match reports to verify the total match payment owed for students' services provided during Quarter IV of the 2017-2018 school year. Districts should remit all payments to the ADE School Health Services Office. The ADE is working with Department of Human Services/Division of Medicaid to develop a portal for districts to access match reports directly from the online Medicaid billing system.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE:

- Commissioner's Memos: Coming August 2018 – Commissioner's memo providing guidance for districts regarding the state's transition to the Outpatient Behavioral Health organized care model.

WHAT'S NEW:

- The new ARMAC software development is progressing. The MITS team, a Special Education representative, and ADE Research and Technology have bi-weekly meetings scheduled to discuss system specs, needs, and project development. The new software is expected to be piloted during the Fall of 2018.
- MITS is continuing to collaborate with the Division of Medical Services (DMS) to develop and execute an interagency agreement between ADE and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allow the MITS staff access to the new online Medicaid system (MMIS). We are hoping that we can have the new agreement in place for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.
 - UPDATE – The agreement between the ADE and DHS has been completed. The ADE is currently in the process of completing the necessary enrollment forms to gain access. The MITS staff will be trained on the new MMIS system in September or October of 2018.
- MITS is working with the Arkansas State Medicaid Office to transition to the Provider Owned Arkansas Shared Saving Entity (PASSE) organized care model under Medicaid regulations for behavioral health services, effective July 1, 2018 and developmental disability services, effective January 2019. Under this model of organized care, provider-led and owned organizations in Arkansas will become responsible for integrating the physical health care services, behavioral health services, and specialized home and community based services (HCBS) for approximately 30,000 individuals who have intensive levels of treatment of care due to mental illness, substance abuse, or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

- The ADE MITS team is in the process of forming a multi-agency workgroup to develop an LEA/School-Based Services Medicaid Billing Manual. The expectation is for the document to be ready for release by June 2019.