



SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2018

SECOND QUARTER (OCTOBER 1, 2017 – DECEMBER 31, 2017)

- Quarter II Medicaid claim and match amounts are not available at this time. There had been a delay in ADE receiving reports from Medicaid due to the implementation of Medicaid's new information management system (MMIS) on November 1, 2017. All reporting has been transferred to online access and there have been some glitches in the new system. The MITS Team meets on Jan 16th to review Quarter II underperforming LEAs. Underperforming LEAs are identified as those LEAs that are billing well below what would be anticipated.

WHAT'S NEW:

- Commissioner's Memo LS-18-050 Notification:
District Review for Underperforming in Direct-Service Medicaid Billing - Released 12/18/17 Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-10-119, by May 1 of each year, the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) shall identify school districts that are under-performing in the area of direct-service Medicaid billing.
- The new ARMAC software developer contract has been selected. Intellibluue will work over the next 12 months with the MITS team and ADE Research and Technology Department to create the new ARMAC software.
- MITS is working to get an interagency agreement in place between the ADE and 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.
- MITS is working with the Arkansas State Medicaid Office in a Pilot Program with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) called the Affinity Workgroup. This group focuses on the delivery of school-based services. Arkansas was 1 of 8 states chosen to participate in this program. The Arkansas collaborative team will focus their efforts on developing a LEA specific Medicaid Manual which will provide easy access to Medicaid regulations for School-Based Services.