

**Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education Unit
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities
Medicaid in the Schools, January 2019**

Update from Previous Report:

- The new ARMAC software development is in the pilot stage with 4 school districts volunteering to utilize the new system for the remainder of the school year (Quarter 3 and Quarter 4). The pilot districts are White County Central, Little Rock, Magazine and Fort Smith.
- Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Saving Entity (PASSE) Implementation – The implementation of the Medicaid PASSE model has been postponed until March 1, 2019. The ADE has worked diligently to ensure school personnel understand the changes required for providers serving certain Medicaid beneficiaries.
 - The ADE has jointly developed, with the Division of Medicaid Services (DMS), a presentation specifically for school personnel to provide basic information regarding the implementation of the PASSE and the role of school personnel in serving these Medicaid beneficiaries. The presentation may be accessed using the following Google link:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/141GY5TUh-vYqWbq4VQoNDjCBS0XAQTeK/view?usp=sharing>
 - The ADE has also provided an avenue for school personnel to ask questions regarding state level Medicaid changes, via the following Google link:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vEoPvE1YIWpAmoemuYgknA9mpAPrZFWUmAiKuRlwsM/edit#gid=0>

Communication Update:

Commissioner's Memo LS-19-024 on Coordinated School Health Quarterly Meeting Dates

This memorandum announces the meetings dates for Coordinated School Health (CSH) for the 2018-2019 school year. The ADE in partnership, with the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), provides professional development and resources to assist school personnel with addressing needs of the whole child in the school setting.

What's New:

- Underperforming Medicaid Billing - The ADE MITS will conduct a preliminary review of information obtained from the FY19 LEA Quarterly Match Reports provided by the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services (DMS). Districts identified as underperforming for direct-service Medicaid billing will be issued a letter serving as the official notification for this purpose. The MITS staff will work to connect with school officials and service providers to offer technical assistance for underperforming billing areas.
- School Medicaid Profiles have been posted to the ADE website for SY18. Trending Profiles are being compiled for publication with a projected completion date of March 2019.
- Telemedicine Act 203 of 2017 created a Medicaid billing mechanism for services delivered to beneficiaries via telemedicine technology. Jasper School District was the first Arkansas district to bill for school-based services (School-Based Mental Health) delivered via telemedicine.
- MITS Trainer Regions – MITS Trainer regions have been identified to streamline ADE's effort to ensure assistance is provided to school districts when needed. Currently, the North East AR Regional Program Advisor is vacant. This staff person will be housed in the Jonesboro/ Harrisburg area of the state.