

**Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Special Education Unit
Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities
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Arkansas Medicaid Administrative Claiming (ARMAC)

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has concluded the first year of operating the newly implemented web-based software used to administer the ARMAC Random Moment Time study and received final approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for operating under the new system. With the implementation of the new web-based system the DESE has experienced a significant increase in claiming/reimbursement for Arkansas Public Schools. We are looking forward to what next year will bring.

State Medicaid Policy

The DESE has been in collaboration with Division of Human Services (DHS)/ Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) personnel to determine the best approach to addressing the independent assessment requirement for school-based personal care services. In 2019, the DHS implemented the requirement for beneficiaries who receive personal care services to receive an independent assessment prior to claiming Medicaid reimbursement for such services. This new policy requirement has hindered Medicaid claiming for school-based personal care services.

The DESE and DHS, are working toward a solution to identify common diagnosis and Provider-Led Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) enrollment status which may already require an independent assessment and therefore serve as an avenue to waive the school-based personal care assessment while remaining compliant with state Medicaid policy requirements.

Up-to-date MITS related information may be found at: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/learning-services/school-health-services/arkansas-medicaid-in-the-schools>