



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



MAY 2, 2018

QUARTER (APRIL 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2018)

- Quarter II & III Match reports are expected to be emailed via a secure link to ARMAC Coordinators and LEA Supervisors the last week of April. Districts should use the Match reports to verify the total match payment owed for student services provided during Quarter II and III. District should remit all Quarter II & III payments to the ADE no later than May 25, 2018. The MITS staff is working with Department of Human Services/Division of Medicaid to access the reports at this time in order to stay within this timeline.

WHAT'S NEW:

- Commissioner's Memos:
LS-18-088 Mental Health Task Force Meeting is scheduled for May 10th from 10:00-12:00 at the St. Vincent Infirmary Hospital in the Health Education Building Main Auditorium at 2 Saint Vincent Circle, Little Rock, located just off University Avenue. Discussion topic will be the Provider Owned Arkansas Shared Saving Entity (PASSE) Model implementation and transition of Medicaid billable school-based behavioral health services. There is no registration fee for this event, however [pre-registration](#) is required. The deadline for registration is Friday, May 4th. This event will be available via [livestream](#).
- The new ARMAC software development is progressing. The MITS team, a Special Education representative, and the ADE Division of 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 summer of 2018.
- MITS is continuing to collaborate with the Division of Medicaid Services (DMS) to develop and execute an interagency agreement 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 to transition to the PASSE model 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 pulling together 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.