



## SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2017



### FIRST QUARTER (JULY 1, 2017 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017) CLAIM AMOUNTS:

- Direct Services: \$2,358,489.75 – this represents the amount billed by schools/coops/charters for services provided such as therapy, personal care, vision/hearing screens, audiology and school-based mental health.
  - ❖ Breakdown of reimbursement totals:
    - Speech Therapy - \$ 960,001.34
    - Physical Therapy - \$ 414,199.75
    - Occupational Therapy - \$ 825,047.72
    - Personal Care - \$ 149,592.70
    - SBMH - \$ 206.22
    - Vision/Hearing \$ 9442.02
    - Audiology- \$ 0.00
- Indirect Services: Claim amount generated by the Arkansas Medicaid Administrative Claiming (ARMAC) Program is not yet available for FY18.
- FY18 QTR I Medicaid Match: \$699,583.60

#### What's New:

- Jerri Clark has assumed the role of Director of Medicaid in the Schools (MITS). Jerri has served in various capacities at the Arkansas Department of Education and for the past four years has served as School Health Services Director.
- MITS will be offering live and pre-recorded technical assistance and training Zoom sessions throughout the school year. Sessions will focus on basic MITS operations, operation fidelity and compliance, district Medicaid maximization and utilization.
- Arkansas has been accepted to participate in a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Affinity Group with 7 other states (AR, CO, ID, MI, NE, NJ, OH). The purpose of the group is for states to set goals to strengthen collaborations with technical assistance from CMS and to improve access to and the delivery of services for children and adolescents.
  - Arkansas Goal 1- Strengthen collaboration between Medicaid, Arkansas Department of Education, and public schools.
    - Partner with University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) to offer billing courses for schools and vendors
    - AR Medicaid School-based manual pullout and reference sheet
  - Arkansas Goal 2- Seek out ways to increase nursing services in public schools as needed.
    - Access to care to include telemedicine
    - Delegation alternatives: Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and medical assistants