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TO: All SBHS Providers

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**SUBJECT: Clarification Regarding Cost Calculations for Services  
Provided 2004-2005 School Year**

DHS must approve a SBHS provider's annual audited cost calculations *prior* to the SBHS provider billing for Health Services provided on or after January 2<sup>nd</sup> each year.

**SBHS DISCIPLINES (GENERAL)**

- 1) If an LEA has not submitted their 2004-2005 School Year costs, but has billed and received payment for dates of service prior to December 31, 2004, using approved 2003-2004 School Year costs; these claims require no adjustment.
- 2) For an LEA to receive payment for services provided on January 1, 2005, forward, DHS must receive and approve the LEA's submitted 2004-2005 School Year costs.
- 3) If an LEA billed and received payment for claims with dates of services on January 1, 2005, forward, using 2003-2004 School Year Costs; DHS will negotiate with the LEA for reconciliation of those calendar 05 dates of service as necessary.

**TRANSPORTATION**

- 1) All transportation claims for dates of service from April 8, 2005, forward, are required to use their DHS approved 2004-2005 school year per trip rate.
- 2) As of April 8, 2005, LEA's that submitted their costs for the 2004-2005 School Year; and have billed and received payment for transportation services using the per statute mile methodology for dates of service prior to April 8, 2005, no adjustment is required.

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- 3) LEA's that submitted their costs for 2004-05 school year as of 04/07/2005; and have created but not submitted transportation claims to DHS at a per statute mile rate have the option to:
- A) Submit those transportation claims at a per statute mile rate using the approved 2003-2004 rate; or
  - B) Recalculate transportation claims with DHS approved per trip rate, and submit them to DHS for payment.
  - C) Transportation claims submitted and reimbursed using the per statute mile methodology for 2004-2005 submitted costs for dates of service after April 8, 2005, DHS will negotiate with the LEA for reconciliation as necessary.

### **SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

During the course of the 2004-2005 school year, DHS has been in negotiations with CMS regarding licensure requirements for billing Medicaid. Many LEA's chose not to bill services provided by TSPC only licensed School Psychologists until such time as negotiations were completed. A very small number of LEA's continued TSPC billing practice as established under previous SBHS rules.

Upon receipt of communication dated January 27, 2005, advising SBHS providers that TSPC licensure alone does not meet federal and state criteria requirement to bill Medicaid the following applies:

- A) If an LEA billed and received payment for services provided by TSPC licensed School Psychologists prior to the January 27, 2005, notification, no adjustment is required.
- B) If an LEA billed and received payment for services provided by TSPC licensed School Psychologists after the January 27, 2005 notification; DHS will negotiate with the LEA for reconciliation as necessary.
- C) If an LEA chose not to bill TSPC licensed School Psychologists until our negotiations were completed; do not bill for those services.

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