

Date: January 22, 2016
TO: Special Education Directors
RE: Special Education Third Party Reimbursement – ICD-10-CM Coding Progress
FROM: Robyn Widley, Director of Special Education

We appreciate all the work and significant effort of your IEP health related service providers in identifying ICD-10-CM codes when billing Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP). This memo is an update to the progress of our MDE-DHS joint agency assistance in supporting your professionals.

1) DHS and MDE Guidance and training [videos are posted on DHS IEP Services website at IEP Videos, Tutorials and Guidance Documents.](#)

2) Small grants have been issued to the school professional organizations for Speech/Language Pathology, School Psychology and School Social Work and to the Metro ECSU for facilitating the work of Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy professionals. The School Nursing organization declined the grant. The organizations are developing instructions specific to the questions and issues of the specialties and will post information on their respective websites. See the chart below for the website links, updates and contact people. Please share contacts with your staff who can forward questions they need addressed and suggestions.

[Links to the work of the professional groups will be posted on the MDE TPR web page](#) and in the [MDE TPR SharePoint](#) site.

3) We invite the IEP health related service professionals to share commonly used codes by [posting them on the MDE TPR SharePoint](#). The purpose for sharing codes is to form a wider circle of consensus on the commonly used codes by discipline, to short-cut the work of colleagues and so educators can take credit for their work. Instructions for posting are on SharePoint under *DOCUMENTS, ICD-10-CM Resources*. A folder has been set up for each IEP health related service discipline.

Again, thank you for supporting the diligent work of your special education professionals.

Chart: IEP Health Related Service, Organization and web-link, Update and Contact

School Psychologists	<p><u>Minnesota School Psychologists Association (MSPA)</u> Workgroup has begun developing instructions and Q&As Contact: MSPA President Annie Hansen, University of Minnesota: Email: hans1498@umn.edu</p>
Speech/Language Pathologists and Audiologists	<p><u>Minnesota Speech Language Hearing Association</u> Instructions with links to national resources with codes is drafted Contact: Co-Vice Presidents for Educational Issues. Penny Mills, Saint Paul Public Schools: Email: penny.mills@spps.org Tao Yuan Li, Yinghua Academy: Email: Taoyuan.Li@YinghuaAcademy.org</p>
School Social Workers	<p><u>Minnesota School Social Work Association (MSSW)</u> Instructions, Q and A and sample codes are drafted Planning live and web-posted seminars Contact: Dan Porter, Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District: Email: Dan.Porter@nemetro.k12.mn.us</p>
Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists	<p><u>Metro ECSU</u> Mini-grant from MDE just approved so facilitating OT and PT workgroups will begin shortly. Minnesota OT licensing agency confirmed identifying ICD-10-CM codes is within the OT Scope of Practice. Contact: Kathy Pittelko, Learning Consultant: Email: Kathy.Pittelko@metroecsu.org</p>
Licensed School Nurses	<p><u>See training resource at the DHS IEP Services website</u> and <u>share resources on MDE TPR SharePoint</u></p>

Our cross-agency team continues to welcome your questions and suggestions:

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