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TO: School Based Health Centers
 Managed Care Organizations

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RE: Medicaid Coverage of Sports Physicals, Effective August 14, 2023

NOTE: **Please ensure that the appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the content of this transmittal.**

This transmittal is to inform all Maryland School Based Health Centers (SBHCs) that Maryland Medicaid will now cover sports physicals provided in SBHCs by certain licensed providers. This coverage expansion takes effect on August 14, 2023 and will facilitate access to sports physicals for student sport participation.

Sports physicals are a valuable tool to identify potentially life-threatening conditions as well as other issues that could pose a threat to a student's health. This type of physical exam focuses on cardiovascular and musculoskeletal issues that affect participation in sports and does not substitute for a comprehensive well-child exam. Because sports physicals and well-child exams are two separate exams, they may be performed independently or together during the same visit.

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is currently in the process of revising the regulations to align with this transmittal guidance.

The coverage expansion permits SBHCs to bill for sports physicals for any Medicaid-enrolled student. Medicaid will pay for one sports physical per benefit year for members between the ages of 6 and 18. Providers, including physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, can perform and bill for this service.

To receive reimbursement from Medicaid for performing sports physicals, claims must be billed with the following information:

- Identify the sports physical as a self referred service using Place of Service Code 3 for schools.
- Use primary diagnosis ICD10 code Z02.5 (medical encounter for examination for participation in sports).
- When billed alone with the appropriate diagnosis of Z02.5 and 99212, fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement for non-FQHC sponsored SBHCs is \$61.84.
- SBHCs must follow relevant billing instructions for HealthChoice MCOs.
- FFS claims for FQHC-sponsored SBHCs need to be billed with procedure code T1015 in order to receive the all-inclusive cost based rate.
- Sports physicals and well-child exams may be billed on the same day on the same claim if both exams were performed, so long as the provider includes modifier 25 with well-child exam codes 99383 and 99384 and ICD-10 diagnosis codes from the following series: Z00.0X, Z00.1XX, Z00.X, Z02.X, Z02.71, Z02.79, or Z02.8X.

	CPT Code	ICD-10 Code	FFS Rate	Place of Service Code	Modifier Required	Limitations
Non-FQHC Sponsored School Based Health Center	99212	Z02.5	\$61.84	03 - School	N/A	One sports physical per benefit year for students ages 6-18.
FQHC Sponsored School Based Health Center	99212	Z02.5	NA	03 - School	T1015*	One sports physical per benefit year for students ages 6-18.

***FQHC-sponsored school based health centers must bill procedure code T1015, as the sports physical provided will be included in the center's all-inclusive cost-based rate.**

For additional questions about this transmittal, please contact Earl Tucker, Supervisor, Clinic and Laboratory Services, at earl.tucker@maryland.gov.