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**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
**School Provider Transmittal No. 1**  
**December 23, 2009**

To: Local Education Agencies  
Local Lead Agencies

From: Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director  
Office of Health Services

Subject: Changes in School Health Related Services Effective January 1, 2010

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The Maryland Medicaid rate methodology is being changed in response to a settlement agreement between the State and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This agreement established billing policies that require school health-related service providers to bill using the same fee-for-service payment rates as private providers of the same services.

For dates of service beginning January 1, 2010, the new services, codes and rates covered through the school health-related services include:

• Psychiatric Diagnostic Interviews	90801	\$157.16
• Individual Psychotherapy 20-30 min	90804	\$47.06
• Individual Psychotherapy 45-50 min	90806	\$69.08
• Individual Psychotherapy 75-80 min	90808	\$97.83
• Group Psychotherapy	90853	\$22.96
• Speech Evaluation	92506	\$154.17
• Individual Speech Therapy	92507	\$63.99
• Group Speech Therapy	92508	\$30.47
• Comprehensive Audiological Evaluation	92557	\$46.80
• Psychological Testing	96101	\$86.24
• Therapeutic Behavior Services 15 min	96152	\$5.34
• Physical Therapy Evaluation	97001	\$72.06
• Physical Therapy Re-evaluation	97002	\$28.36
• Physical Therapy Services 15 min	97110	\$29.03
• Occupational Therapy Evaluation	97003	\$76.65
• Occupational Therapy Re-evaluation	97004	\$36.17
• Occupational Therapy Service 15 min	97530	\$30.56

• Nursing Service per 15 min	T1000	\$7.91
• Nutrition Assessment	97802	\$30.83
• Nutrition Re-assessment	97803	\$26.35

The Maryland Medical Assistance Program (the Program) has drafted changes to the regulation that defines the basis for billing School Health-Related Services. Specifically, COMAR 10.09.50 is being changed to address the addition of codes for services, the rates for services, and the providers permitted to bill for these services.

The federal agreement also requires that school health-related service providers meet the same credentials as their private sector counterparts. Therefore, school providers will only be permitted to submit claims for professionals who are licensed practitioners of the healing arts, within the scope of his or her practice under Maryland State law. The only exception to this is the Therapeutic Behavior Aide.

Thank you for your cooperation in implementing these changes with short notice. If you have any questions please contact Mary Ann Brewer at [mbrewer@dhhm.state.md.us](mailto:mbrewer@dhhm.state.md.us) or call 410-767-1903.