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TO: School District Superintendents
School District Special Education Directors
School District Building Principals
Intermediate Unit Executive Directors
Intermediate Unit Special Education Directors
Charter Schools Chief Executive Officers
Charter Schools Special Education Directors
Approved Private School Executive Directors
Approved Private School Business Managers
ACCESS Coordinators

FROM: Patricia Hozella, Director *Patricia Hozella #0*
Bureau of Special Education

DATE: November 13, 2014

RE: Informational Meeting to Review Important Changes to School-Based ACCESS Services for Approved Private Schools and Local Educational Agencies

This memo is to provide important new information regarding billing procedures and payment methodology for Medicaid eligible school-based services provided by Approved Private Schools and what the billing methodology will be for local educational agencies.

Following a 2012 financial management review by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS), Pennsylvania received a final report on July 17, 2014. The report included the following: "CMS has determined that the approved private schools are not a government unit for Medicaid reimbursement purposes, and a certified public funding mechanism cannot be used."

CMS instructed the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) to revise the state plan accordingly. In order to meet compliance effective Jan. 1, 2015, DPW and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) are developing a process for Approved Private Schools to be paid for providing Medicaid eligible school-based services.

This informational meeting for local educational agencies will be held on Nov. 24, 2014, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network (PaTTAN) in Harrisburg and video-conferenced to PaTTAN-Pittsburgh, PaTTAN-King of Prussia and Intermediate Units 1, 5, 6, 11, and 16. Additionally, if your local intermediate unit is not listed and would like to be a downlink site, please contact Karen Weaver at kweaver@pattan.net. You must be registered for this training.

How do I register for the location I want to attend?

Please register online at <http://www.pattan.net>.

Please contact Sharon Kennedy, Administrative Assistant with PaTTAN, at 717.901.2265 or skennedy@pattan.net if you have any registration questions.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Jean Inskip, Chief, Division of Monitoring and Improvement – West with the PDE, at jinskip@pa.gov; Roni Russell, Special Education Consultant with PaTTAN, at rrussell@pattan.net; Joanne Norville, Welfare Program Executive with DPW, at jnorville@pa.gov; or Barry Decker, Human Services Program Special Supervisor with DPW, at bdecker@pa.gov.