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SUBJECT: Use of Evaluation Procedure Codes in the School-Based ACCESS Program

TO: Local Education Agencies (LEA)

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This memorandum serves as a written follow-up to the Department of Human Services' (Department) verbal notification to Local Education Agencies (LEA) during the 2014 Regional Fall Trainings. In 2012, the Financial Management Branch of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) conducted a Financial Management Review of Pennsylvania's School-Based ACCESS Program.

CMS, in their final report, informed the State that separate service codes must be used to identify medical evaluations when billing the Medical Assistance (MA) Program for school-based services. Therefore, effective March 1, 2015, the Statewide vendor, Public Consulting Group (PCG), will bill the MA Program using separately identifiable procedure codes and modifiers to identify compensable medical evaluations that have been entered into EasyTrac by participating LEAs enrolled in the MA Program. The MA

Program will provide an interim payment for compensable medical evaluations based on a per evaluation unit of service.

The information above sets forth the requirements for Medicaid payment in the SBAP program. For any questions regarding this notification, please contact rebludwick@pa.gov or (717) 787-5512.