

**December 12, 2001**  
**SCHOOL-BASED PROVIDERS**  
**MONTANA MEDICAID NOTICE**

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**THIRD PARTY DENIALS FROM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD AND SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES**

The Department of Public Health and Human Services has reviewed the First Quarter 2001, *Blue Cross/Blue Shield Capsule News* which states that Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana will not reimburse for any services provided in a school setting. Based upon our review of this information, Montana Medicaid will no longer require school-based providers to obtain a denial from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for school-based medical and mental health services. The Department will implement this change retroactively for services provided on or after January 1, 2001.

**NEW THIRD PARTY BILLING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HCFA-1500**

For Medicaid eligible students with insurance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield, enter **BC/BS MT** in Field 9c of the HCFA-1500 claim form and send your claim to the ACS Third Party Liability Unit (TPL), P.O. Box 5838, Helena, MT 59604. If you send your claim for regular processing to P.O. Box 8000, it may not receive the special attention it needs and may be denied.

Please note that prescriptions and PASSPORT provider approvals are still required for medical services provided in schools.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call Provider Relations at:

Helena and out-of-state: (406) 442-1837  
In-state toll-free: 1-800-624-3958