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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

School-Based Services Providers

Elimination of Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)

Effective July 1, 2008

Beginning July 1, 2008, the Medicaid Administrative Claiming program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services will no longer be available to Montana's public or private schools. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) rule, CMS-2287-F, eliminates federal Medicaid payment for the cost of school-based administrative activities.

Because federal funding for this program is ending, it is imperative that schools participating in the MAC program submit their final MAC claims as follows:

- Have the 2008 second quarter Financial Data Reports to the Department on or before August 1, 2008.
- The Department will have the second quarter invoice developed and emailed back to the schools no later than August 8, 2008.
- Each school will need to have this invoice signed for verification and mailed back to the Department no later than August 15, 2008.
- The Department will have this verified dollar amount mailed in a check to the schools by August 30, 2008.

Any outstanding quarterly Financial Data Reports that would fit the timely filing criteria of one year will need to be filed in accordance with the above schedule.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Rena Steyaert, Program Officer for School-Based Services, at (406) 444-4066 or rsteyaert@mt.gov or contact Provider Relations:

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