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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents
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FROM: Maria Pitre-Martin, Deputy State Superintendent of District Support Superintendent *M. Pitre-Martin*
Sherry H. Thomas, Director, Exceptional Children Division *SHT*

DATE: May 20, 2019

RE: **Changes to Division of Health Benefits (DHB) Medicaid Plan for LEAs**

The NC Division of Health Benefits (DHB) posted a [revised Medicaid Policy \(10C\)](#) for NC LEAs on May 15, 2019. Several beneficial changes were included in the updated policy and are summarized below. District leaders will need to review and understand the policy as they consider adding new plan types to their current Medicaid claiming program. NC DPI will provide a series of webinars (to be recorded and archived) throughout the summer to assist with local planning and implementation. LEAs are encouraged to submit questions to be addressed in the webinar series [here](#) through June 15, 2019.

Highlights in revised [DHB Clinical Coverage Policy 10-C](#):

1. In addition to services documented on Medicaid-enrolled students Individual Education Programs (IEPs), DHB will now reimburse medically necessary services documented in:
 - a. Section 504 Plans
 - b. Individual Family Service Plans (IFSP)
 - c. Individual Health Plans (IHP)
 - d. Behavior Intervention Plans (BIP)
2. Covered services include:
 - a. Audiology
 - b. Psychological and counseling services
 - c. Nursing
 - d. Occupational therapy
 - e. Physical therapy
 - f. Speech/language therapy services
3. Vision and hearing screenings conducted prior to providing a reimbursable psychological evaluation, occupational therapy evaluation, physical therapy evaluation or speech/language evaluation service will also now be reimbursed, provided all other policy requirements are met.
4. Occupational therapy and physical therapy services provided in a group setting with a maximum total number (including non-eligible and Medicaid beneficiaries) of 3 students per group will now be reimbursed, provided all other policy requirements are met. Speech-language services provided in a group setting with a maximum total number (including non-eligible and Medicaid beneficiaries) of 4 students per group continue to be reimbursable at the group rate.

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Many questions can be answered by reviewing the [revised Medicaid Policy \(10C\)](#). NC DPI and NC DHHS Medicaid and practice-specific consultants are available to assist with questions related to the policy and practitioner qualifications/licensure requirements. Questions related to Medicaid claiming software should be directed to the LEA's vendor.

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