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Dear Superintendents and Directors of Special Education,

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Over the past several years, the Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Special Education Services (OSDE-SES) has partnered with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to provide a system for School-Based Medicaid reimbursement that is compliant and user-friendly for schools. OHCA has identified the OSDE as the program administrator for the school-based Medicaid program. OSDE has contracted with the Public Consulting Group (PCG) to submit claims on behalf of districts. However, the "school-based Medicaid program" is inclusive of any school that bills Medicaid, even if it does not use PCG to submit its claims.

Beginning April 1, 2024, Oklahoma Medicaid (SoonerCare) will transition to SoonerSelect, which is the new Managed Care Organization (MCO) model. However, due to the complications of adding school-based services to the MCO system, the OHCA has granted a 15-month delay to develop an effective transition plan. Meaning there will be no changes to services or claims submission for school districts at this time.

Districts who submit their own claims, outside of OSDE/PCG, will need to contact OHCA with any questions or concerns.

Districts who submit their claims through OSDE/PCG, or if your district would like more information to start Medicaid billing, please contact okffs@pcgus.com with any questions or concerns.

OSDE and OHCA will use those 15 months to develop a transition plan and continue to advocate for opportunities to be reimbursed for all health-related services that are provided to students. Currently, there is no reason for districts to enter into contracts with MCO providers (Aetna, Humana, Oklahoma Complete Health). Contact kellie.carter@sde.ok.gov for any further questions.

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