SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Coordinators
Medicaid Billers
Special Education Directors

FROM: Vanesha Perrin
Director, Office of Medicaid Services

DATE: June 10, 2025

RE: Medicaid Reimbursement- School-Based and Community-Based Services

With the support of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS), the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) is releasing this memo to clarify that school-based rehabilitative services (SBRS) rendered by providers in the school setting and services rendered by providers in the community setting (i.e., community-based services) do not impact one another with regard to Medicaid billing and reimbursement. The unit(s) and frequency of services billed by schools and community providers are independent of one another. For example, if a school renders and bills Medicaid for a school-based service (e.g., speech therapy) and the same service (e.g., speech therapy) is provided to the student by a community provider, the number of units and the frequency of the service billed by the school district does not count toward or impact the number of units or frequency of the service that can be billed to Medicaid by the community provider. Again, the number of units and frequency of a service provided by a school will not impact a community provider and vice versa.

For informational purposes and to encourage treatment collaboration and continuum of care, school districts are strongly encouraged to share this memo with parents, community providers and/or stakeholders.

Should you have any questions regarding this memo, do not hesitate to contact me at vrperrin@ed.sc.gov.