

MEMORANDUM

TO: Medicaid Coordinators
Medicaid Billers
Special Education Directors

FROM: Vanesha Perrin
Director, Office of Medicaid Services

DATE: August 6, 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 (SCDE) Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) released a memo on June 10, 2025, to clarify that school-based rehabilitative services (SBRS) rendered by school districts under an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and services rendered by providers in the community setting (i.e., non- IEP related community-based services) do not impact one another with regard to Medicaid billing and reimbursement. The procedure codes, unit(s) and frequency of services billed by schools (IEP related services) and community providers (non-IEP related services) are independent of one another including when these services are performed on the same day for the same patient.

In addition to the information shared on June 10, 2025, the OMS would like to further clarify that there are specific services that can be rendered on the same day to the same student by a school-based provider (i.e., school district) and an independent community-based provider (i.e., a community provider that is not contracted with the school to render services and does not render the service under the student's IEP). Please find below the list of the allowable services by service category and procedure code:

Occupational Therapy and Evaluation Services (by Procedure Code)

- 97165
 - 97166
 - 97167
 - 97168
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- 97530
- 97150

Physical therapy and Evaluation Services (by Procedure Code)

- 97161
- 97162
- 97163
- 97164
- 97110
- 97150

Speech therapy and Evaluation Services (by Procedure Code)

- 92521
- 92522
- 92523
- 92524
- 92610
- S9152
- 92507
- 92508
- 92526

Again, the services identified above are allowed to be provided on the same day to the same student by both a school-based provider (i.e., school district) and an independent community-based provider. If you experience any issues when billing these school-based service codes, please notify the OMS and the SCDHHS immediately.

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