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October 2, 2017

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Deputy Secretary for Medicaid  
Agency for Health Care Administration  
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Tallahassee, FL 32308

ATTN: James Ross

RE: Title XIX State Plan Amendment 16-0031

Dear Ms. Kidder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to the Florida State Plan, submitted under transmittal number FL 16-0031. This amendment allows the agency to cover Medicaid-enrolled private and charter schools for services rendered in a school setting for children under the age of 21 years.

Based on the information provided, this amendment was approved on October 2, 2017. The effective date is October 28, 2016. We are enclosing the approved form HCFA 179 and plan pages. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl L. Brimage at 404-562-7116 or by email at [cheryl.brimage@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:cheryl.brimage@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

//s//

Shantrina Roberts  
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Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure



EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING AND DIAGNOSIS OF INDIVIDUALS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, AND TREATMENT OF CONDITIONS FOUND:

1/98  
(13d)

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**Description**

Florida Medicaid certified school match program allows school districts, charter, and private schools to receive reimbursement under the Florida Medicaid program for therapy services furnished in a school setting. These services are provided in accordance with 42 CFR 440.130(d).

**Who Can Receive**

Florida Medicaid recipients under the age of 21 years requiring medically necessary therapy services in the school setting.

**Who Can Provide**

The following licensed practitioners rendering services through the school district, charter, or private school, and in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations 440.110:

- Occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants licensed in accordance with Chapter 468, Florida Statutes under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist.
- Physical therapists or physical therapy assistants who meet the requirements in Chapter 486, Florida Statutes under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist.
- Speech therapists or speech-language pathology assistants licensed in accordance with Chapter 468, Florida Statutes or Certified by the Department of Education under the supervision of a licensed speech therapist.

**Allowable Benefits**

Florida Medicaid covers the following therapy services:

- Evaluations
- Individual and group treatment sessions

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**Who Can Provide**

The following licensed and/or certified practitioners rendering services through the school district, charter, or private school:

- Behavior analysts or assistant behavior analysts certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board
- School counselors certified in accordance with Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes.
- Marriage and family therapists licensed in accordance with Chapter 491, Florida Statutes.
- Mental health counselors licensed in accordance with Chapter 491, Florida Statutes.
- Psychologists licensed in accordance with Chapter 490, Florida Statutes.
- Social workers licensed in accordance with Chapter 491, Florida Statutes.

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Florida Medicaid covers the following school-based behavioral services:

- Assessments
- Behavior analysis, including interpretations of information about the student's behavior and conditions relating to functioning
- Consultation, coordination of services, and follow-up referrals with other health care staff, other entities or agencies, parents, teachers, and family
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School-Based Nursing Services

**Description**

Florida Medicaid certified school match program allows school districts, charter, and private schools to receive reimbursement under the Florida Medicaid program for nursing services furnished in a school setting in accordance with 42 CFR 440.60.

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**Who Can Provide**

The following licensed and/or certified practitioners rendering services through the school district, charter or private school:

- Registered nurses (RN) licensed in accordance with Chapter 464, Florida Statutes
- Licensed practical nurses (LPN) licensed in accordance with Chapter 464, Florida Statutes
- School health aides working under the supervision of an RN, in accordance with Chapter 464, F.S., who have completed the following courses:
  - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
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