

# School-Based Medicaid Program

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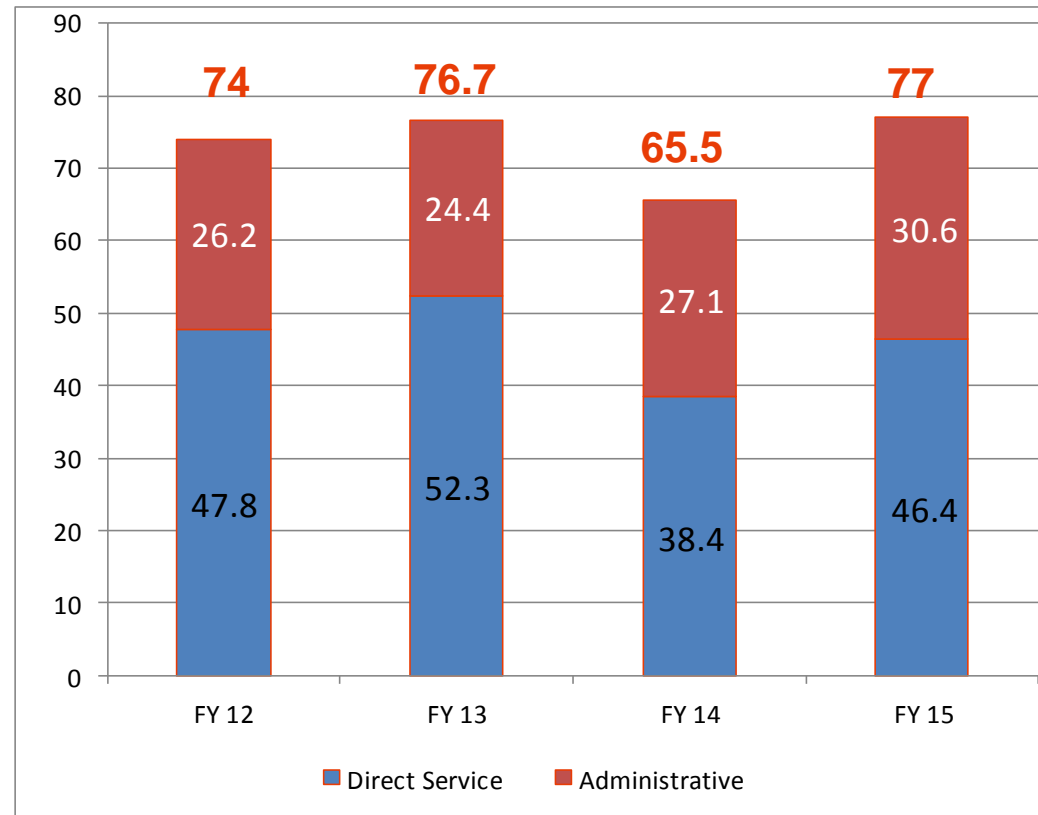
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# Overall Statewide Revenue

Revenue	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Direct Service	47.8M	52.3M	38.4M	46.4M
Administrative	26.2M	24.4M	27.1M	30.6M
<b>Total</b>	<b>74M</b>	<b>76.7M</b>	<b>65.5M</b>	<b>77M</b>



# Overview of School-Based Medicaid

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## ■ Provider Agreement with MassHealth

- Local Education Agencies (LEA's) must execute a Provider Agreement and Trading Partner Agreement with MassHealth

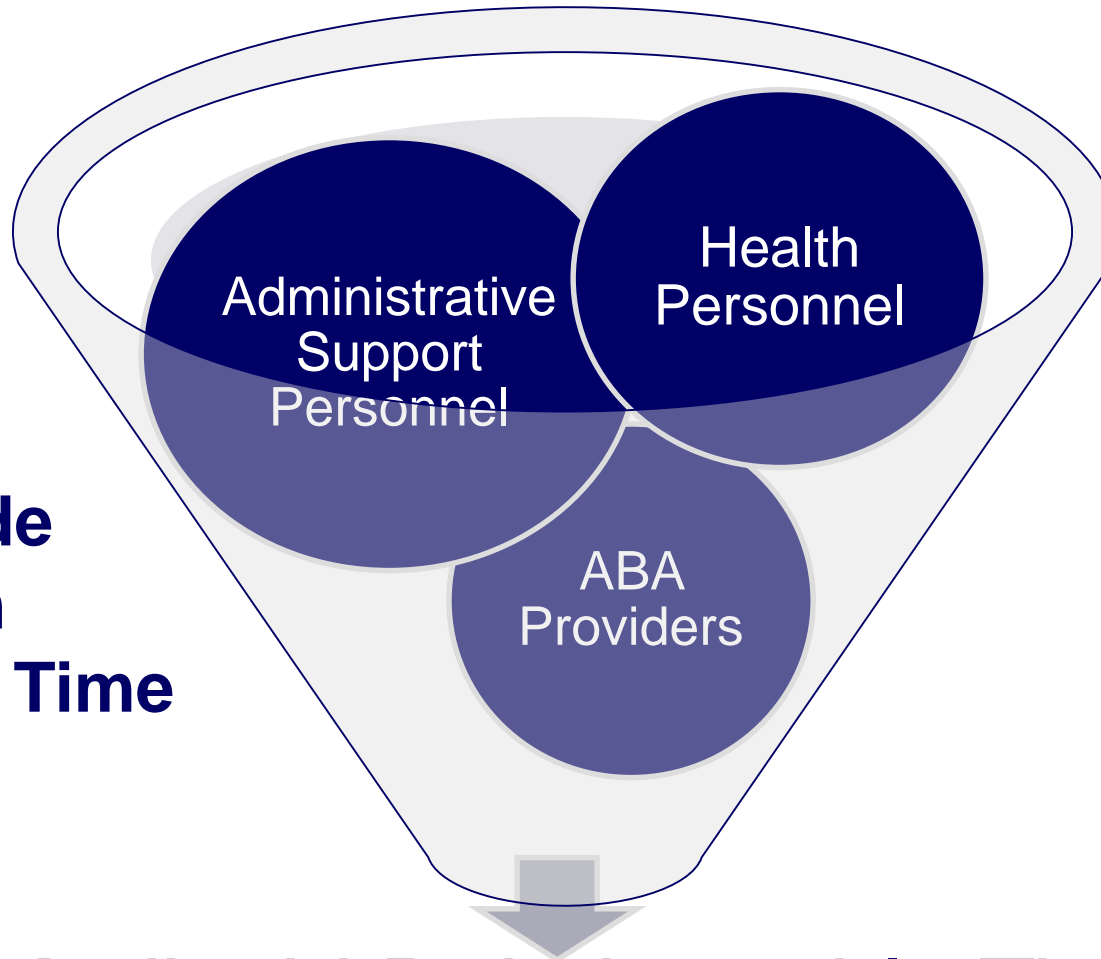
## ■ Cost Based Reimbursement

## ■ Components of the Program

- Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)
- Direct Service Claiming (DSC)
  - Interim fee-for-service claims submissions (through MMIS)
  - Annual Cost Report settlement
- Administrative Activity Claiming (AAC)

# Overview of School-Based Medicaid

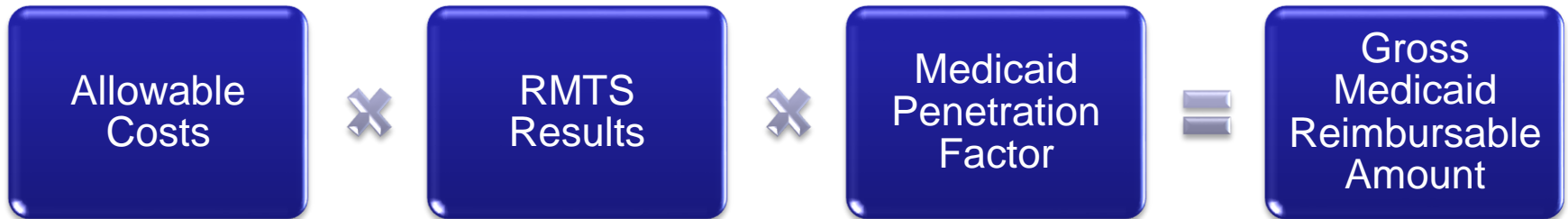
**Statewide  
Random  
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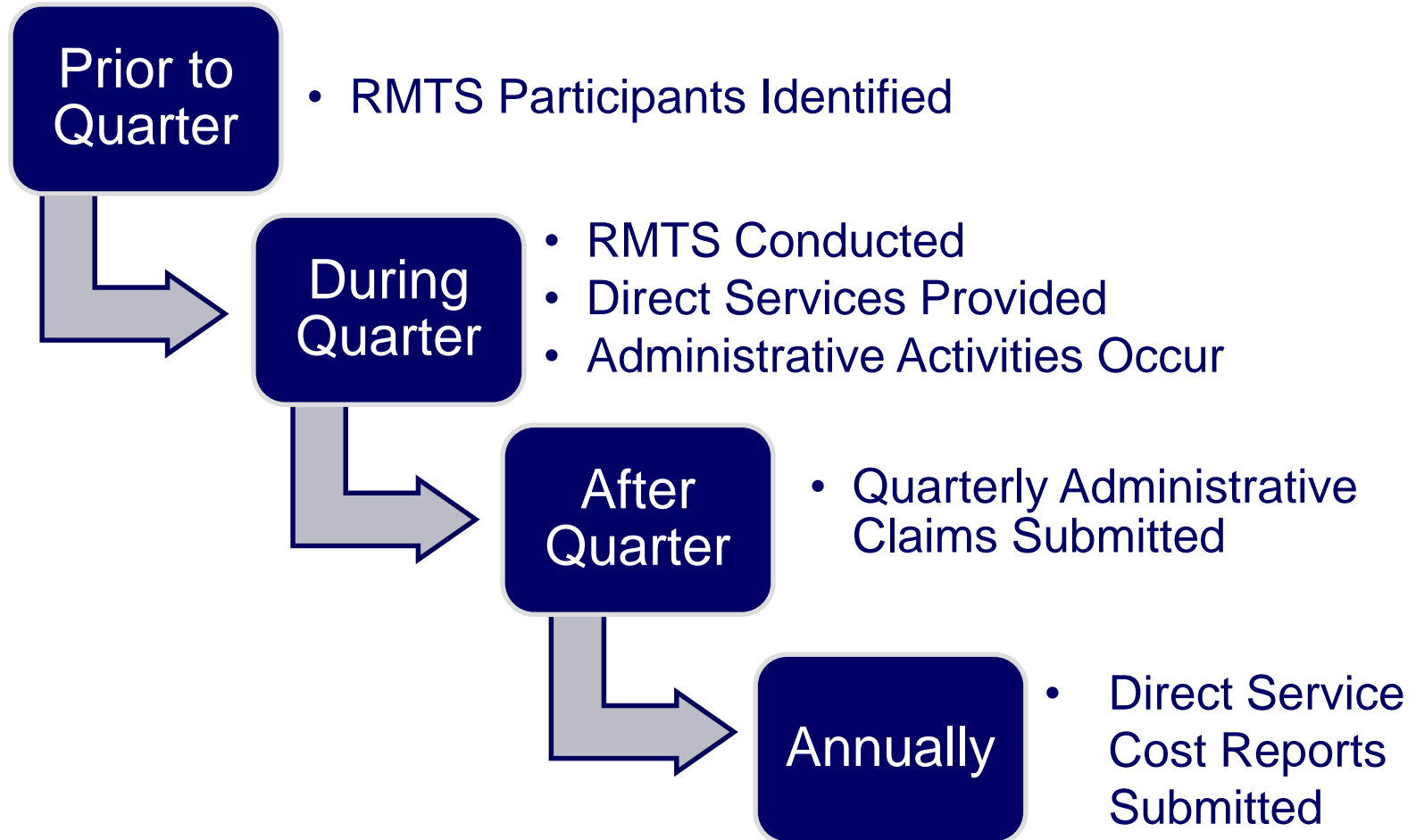
**Medicaid Reimbursable Time**

# Overview of School-Based Medicaid

- **Cost Based Reimbursement**



# Timelines for Reimbursement



## Covered Services for Reimbursement

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### ■ Services must be:

- Authorized by the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) as documented in the Service Delivery Needs, sections B & C.
- Provided by a practitioner who holds the appropriate qualifications
- The practitioner providing the service must be included in the RMTS in the Direct Services pool
- As appropriate, if the practitioner is an 'assistant/aide' they must be appropriately supervised by a qualified provider
- All service delivery must be documented



## Documentation of Services

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- LEAs must document health-related services provided to those students for whom the provider seeks reimbursement under its SBMP Agreement. At a minimum, providers must document the child's name, the type of therapy provided, the date of service, and the length of time (units) the service was provided.
- Documentation must be maintained for 6 years and should be able to be produced in the event of an audit.



## Reminder: Interim Claims

**Providers must submit per-unit claims for all services for which they seek reimbursement through the cost report (as described in Section 2.2A of the provider contract).**

- It is expected that the vast majority of, if not all, services provided to students who are included in the statistics section of the cost reports will be claimed through MMIS.

**All services must be properly documented in order to seek reimbursement.**

- It is the responsibility of all LEAs to ensure that all contractors (including private schools, collaboratives, and 766 schools) document services appropriately and maintain the required documentation, including, among others, parental authorization and cost share agreements.
- Documentation should be readily retrievable according to LEAs' provider agreement with EOHHS, Section 4.2.

## Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)

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- **Effective October 1, 2015, MassHealth expanded the School-Based Medicaid Program to include reimbursement for expenditures related to the practice of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Services provided to students with Autism Spectrum Disorders. (See School-Based Medicaid Provider Bulletin 29)**

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/masshealth/bull-2015/sbm-29.pdf>

- **Definition of Autism Services**

M.G.L. c. 1121 §163

## ABA Services

### ABA Covered Services

Discreet Trial Training/Teaching (DTT)

Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention (EIBI)

Pivotal Response Training/Treatment (PRT)

Verbal Behavior Intervention/Therapy (VB or VBI)

Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)

Early Start Denver Model (ESDM)

### Not-Covered as an ABA Service

Psychological testing

Neuropsychology

Diagnosis of mental health or developmental conditions

Psychotherapy

Cognitive therapy

Sex therapy

Psychoanalysis

Psychopharmacological recommendations

Hypnotherapy

Academic teaching by college or university faculty

## ABA Provider Qualifications

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- Applied Behavior Analyst (ABA) licensed by the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions as an ABA
- Prior to January 6, 2016 only, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- Licensed physician, psychologist or psychiatrist providing ABA within the scope of his or her licensure
- Assistant Applied Behavior Analyst (AABA) licensed by the Board of Registration of Allied Mental Health and Human Services Professions as an AABA working under the supervision of a licensed ABA (or prior to 1/6/16 they may be working under the supervision of a BCBA)
- Paraprofessional working under the supervision of a licensed ABA (or prior to 1/6/16 they may be working under the supervision of a BCBA)

- Use the licensure website to verify that direct service staff meet the state regulations:  
<http://license.reg.state.ma.us/public/licque.asp?query=personal&color=red&board=.>
- Accuracy of staff schedule will allow moments to be selected during working hours.
- Are you including the ***right*** staff members?
  - If staff are not a qualified direct health service provider who provide services as prescribed in student IEPs, then they must be “reasonably expected to perform” activities that are reimbursable under the Administrative portion of the program.

- Activities that are reimbursable under the Administrative portion of the Medicaid Program:
  - Medicaid Outreach
  - Facilitating/Assisting with MassHealth Applications
  - Provider Networking/Program Planning/Interagency Coordination related to the delivery of Medicaid-covered services to students
  - Individual Care Planning, Monitoring, Coordination and Referral related to the delivery of Medicaid-covered services to students
  - Arranging Transportation or Translation related to Medicaid-covered services
  - Medicaid Billing \*

# Keys to Reimbursement

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- Designate a Medicaid Coordinator/Expert
  - Properly Trained
  - Supported by authority of Superintendent or Central Office Administration
  - Time dedicated to administration of the Medicaid Program for your school district
- Communicate with and train staff participating in the RMTS
- Require direct service providers to maintain appropriate documentation of service delivery
- Carefully review staff licensure/qualifications (including contracted staff)
- Understand all reimbursable expenditures to maximize reimbursement



# Resources

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## ■ School-Based Medicaid “Tool Kit”

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/provider/insurance/masshealth/school-based-medicare/school-based-medicare-publications.html>

- Instruction Manuals
- Provider Bulletins
- Useful Program Information

**For questions and assistance, please contact us.**

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**State policy and Federal regulations**

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**THANK YOU!**

**QUESTIONS REGARDING SCHOOL-  
BASED MEDICAID PROGRAM**

# **MASSHEALTH FLU VACCINE PROGRAM**

**(ADMINISTRATED SEPARATELY FROM THE  
SCHOOL-BASED MEDICAID PROGRAM)**

## Program Goals & Information

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### ■ **MassHealth Flu Vaccine Program Goals**

To provide influenza (flu) vaccines to eligible MassHealth members attending PSDs particularly in those geographic areas where members have difficulty accessing vaccines

### ■ **Eligibility Requirement:** PSDs enrolled in the MDPH Immunization Program for 2015

### ■ **MassHealth pays for:** 1) cost of purchasing flu vaccines (when not MDPH-supplied for free); and 2) administering flu vaccine

### ■ **Provider Enrollment:** Unenrolled PSDs that did not receive an enrollment packet can contact the MDPH Immunization Program (617-983-6828) and the MassHealth Flu Vaccine Program: 617-847-3130

### ■ This Program's website:

[www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/newsroom/masshealth/providers/masshealth-flu-and-adult-vaccine-program.html](http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/newsroom/masshealth/providers/masshealth-flu-and-adult-vaccine-program.html)