

Submitter : Ms. Gretchen Hatfield

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Ms. Gretchen Hatfield

Category : Individual

Issue Areas/Comments

GENERAL

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I am extremely concerned about the possibility that Medicare & Medicaid reimbursements may not be reimbursed to schools. The nation is suffering from a severe lack of school funding. Schools look for funds where ever they are available and spend numerous hours writing grants. Why eliminate a source of funding that already exists and benefits the children?? No new funds need to be found, just continue using what has been reimbursed in the past.

Submitter : Holly Lange

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Holly Lange

Category : Nurse

Issue Areas/Comments

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It is urgent that CMS 2287-P not pass. This program funds our FAN advocates in our schools. FAN advocates provide many essential services to children and families that directly impact their ability to learn and thrive.

Submitter : Mrs. Susan Salmina

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Mrs. Susan Salmina

Category : Nurse

Issue Areas/Comments

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This funding helps pay for School Nursing services in my district. There is extreme health issues in my rural community and a lack of resources. I service 3500 students. Recommended ratio is 750 students to 1 school nurse. If you continue to cut funding sources such as this, students will have no resources. If you are going to cut funding that assists our schools then you need to stop passing legislature that requires more services to be performed that are unrealistic based on money sources. I was a school nurse back in 1987 have returned after raising my children, and the school systems are in worse shape now than they were then! We have sicker children, more demanding laws and unrealistic expectations based on staffing (due to lack of funds). The choice to eliminate the of reimbursement for school expenditures and costs...is wrong based on my professional opinion. And I am a concerned voter.

Submitter : Mr. Steve Ott

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : School Psychologist-Clovis Unified School Dist

Category : Academic

Issue Areas/Comments

GENERAL

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I am a school psychologist who works with students with severe disabilities, as well as students who are considered medically fragile. All of the students within this population have significant needs (i.e. health and medical support, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and transportation) that must be met in order for them to receive a FREE and APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE) as granted by federal legislation. I support Governor Schwarzenegger in opposing this potential change as it would severely impact state and local districts. The financial impact would undoubtedly be felt by all students, staff, and school communities, and affect many other programs in an effort to reallocate available money to make up for the loss of incoming revenue. I would urge anyone who is involved in this decision to visit a center that serves students in the severely disabled population. Following that visit I would then challenge them to attempt and argue that the health and medical, therapeutic, and transportation needs of those students are not paramount, and an absolute priority in the efforts of schools to meet the individual needs of these special students. To quote the article in question, "The Bush administration's narrow view is that disabled children are 'transported from home to school primarily to receive an education, not to receive direct medical services.'" This may be accurate when referring to learning disabled children, but it is impossible to separate these special needs of severely disabled children, or medically fragile students from the "educational" benefit they receive from their school program. The life skills, functional skills, and adaptive skills that these students are being taught are as important for them in their life as actual academics are for non-disabled students. Federal law continues to mandate schools to serve students who have disabilities, but now wants to remove the financial support to do so? This type of thinking is not just illogical, it is hypocritical, potentially exclusionary, and flat out unfair.

Submitter : Beth Kunkel
Organization : Parent/grandparent
Category : Individual

Date: 10/04/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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As a parent/grandparent who has received school based medicaid services when other services were not available for my dependents, I would like to speak against the abolition of these services to our children. The school is a perfect place to screen children for health care needs and to make appropriate referrals to specialists. Please continue to fund health care in the schools.

Submitter : Mrs. Malinda Diaz

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District

Category : Academic

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am opposed to the proposed regulation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CMS-2287-P. Federal reimbursement for the costs of school staff that performs MAA administrative activities, outreach, monitoring of medical services, is critically important to children who need medical services. The proposed change will greatly impact Chino Valley Unified School District's financial resources that are used to provide staff support for the health and mental health services for our students.

Submitter : Ms. Cynthia Allen

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Special Education Teacher

Category : Other Health Care Professional

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed regulation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services CMS-2287-P. Federal reimbursement for the costs of school staff that performs MAA administrative activities, outreach, monitoring of medical services. The proposed change will greatly impact Chino Valley Unified School District's financial resources that are used to provide staff support for the health and mental health services of our students.

Cynthia Allen

Submitter : Mrs. Kendra Moore
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Occupational Therapist

Date: 10/04/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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October 4, 2007

To: Whom It May Concern:

Re: Docket CMS-2287-P Medicaid Program;

Elimination of Reimbursement under Medicaid for School Administration Expenditures and Costs Related to Transportation of School-Age Children between Home and School

I urge you to reconsider the proposed legislation CMS-2287-P which will eliminate Medicaid funding to schools that provide health services for children who need it the most.

I work for Chino Valley Unified School District, in the Special Education Department that supports school-based administrative activities for students who are in need of health care. Our School District provides much needed school-based Medicaid services such as Medi-Cal outreach, coordination and monitoring of medical care of our students. Without the School-Based federal funding, I believe that the health of our special needs students will be greatly impacted. Without the Federal funds, we will be forced to dramatically reduce the health and mental health programs that our students are in need of.

I urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind their proposal CMS-2287-P.

Thank you for reconsidering this very important matter.

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Submitter : Mrs. Nanette MacPherson

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Mrs. Nanette MacPherson

Category : Local Government

Issue Areas/Comments

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This rule will eliminate one of the most effective tools we have for helping students and families in our low income area (Our school is over 60% Free & reduced). Family Access Network (FAN) is funded in the Bend LaPine School District by these dollars @ over 60%. FAN touches the life of many of our students in many areas. The two that I consider most effective are dental and in supplying warm clothing for our cold winters. Our FAN Advocate is onsite half-time and works hard to coordinate services that are sorely needed in this rural area where most help comes from Bend which is 30 miles away. Having access to local services is a huge benefit to our students.

Submitter : Dr. Frances Eldis

Date: 10/04/2007

Organization : Children's Hospital of Michigan

Category : Speech-Language Therapist

Issue Areas/Comments

GENERAL

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I am in support of cutting funding to the schools for speech-language services for Medicaid eligible children. Many of the children have medically based (not educationally based) oral language disorders that can best be treated in a clinical setting. In addition, children are being short-changed in terms of services because they rarely receive more than 20 minutes of therapy per week (unless they are in severely mentally impaired programs) nor do they receive individual treatment which is what many of them need. This amount of time for treatment is ineffective for serious communication impairments such as language disorders and language-based learning disorders. Language is a specific brain function - a medical condition.

Medicaid funds can best be spent where effective treatment of serious communication disorders can be provided.

Thank you for the opportunity of providing my comments.

Submitter : Ms. Michele Fuqua
Organization : San Jose City College
Category : Academic

Date: 10/04/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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Please continue funding for this program - it allows us to sufficiently communicate the availability of Medi-Cal Health insurance services to a large amount of our student population who are unfamiliar with the insurance, but are qualified. Not only does it eventually assist these students and their families directly with meeting their health needs, but there is a huge benefit to all of our students, as we use the funds we receive for this communication service to fund a vast array of programs specific to health and safety issues. We have successfully launched interventions for stopping smoking; an obesity avoidance exercise and diet program; as well as specific workshops such as dating violence and STDS awareness. We have also been able to send staff in our Health Services center to many training and other conferences. Without these funds (administrative fees), such training would not be possible, as there is not sufficient funds available in the schools general operational budget. We are also able to assist students who are still very needy, but not qualified for Medi-Cal insurance, to pay for needed medication and preventative materials.

Submitter : Ms. Julie Thompson
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School Dist.
Category : Academic

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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The Medi-Cal services are vital to the development of healthy children. I am an administrator at a low socio-economic school; without Medi-Cal many of our students would not have the very basic of health care. A question to consider is: "How can these children better their test scores and be successful if they are dealing with survival?" For many of our students (over 1/2) survival is a daily struggle. Please don't add more to create a bigger gap between the HAVE's and the HAVE NOT's.

Submitter : Mr. James Marsh
Organization : Chino Hills High School
Category : Other Government

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am opposed to the proposed regulation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CMS-2287-P. Federal reimbursement for the costs of school staff that performs MAA administrative activities, outreach, monitoring of medical services, is critically important to children who need medical services. The proposed change will greatly impact Chino Valley Unified School District's financial resources that are used to provide staff support for the health and mental health services for our students.

Submitter : Mrs. Margaret Makorow
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Academic

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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October 5, 2007

To: Whom It May Concern:

Re: Docket CMS-2287-P Medicaid Program;

Elimination of Reimbursement under Medicaid for School Administration Expenditures and Costs Related to Transportation of School-Age Children between Home and School

I urge you to reconsider the proposed legislation CMS-2287-P which will eliminate Medicaid funding to schools that provide health services for children who need it the most.

I work for Chino Valley Unified School District in the Library of Woodcrest Junior High that supports school-based administrative activities for students who are in need of health care. Our special needs students are very important to me. Our School District provides much needed school-based Medicaid services such as Medi-Cal outreach, coordination and monitoring of medical care of our students. Without the School-Based federal funding, I believe that the health of our special needs students will be greatly impacted. With out the Federal funds, we will be forced to dramatically reduce the health and mental health programs that our students are in need of.

I urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind their proposal CMS-2287-P.

Thank you for reconsidering this very important matter.

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Submitter : Marisa Pose
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Academic

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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Submitter : Mr. Jason Watts
Organization : Chino Valley USD
Category : Academic

Date: 10/05/2007

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October 5, 2007

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Re: Docket CMS-2287-P Medicaid Program;

Elimination of Reimbursement under Medicaid for School Administration Expenditures and Costs Related to Transportation of School-Age Children between Home and School

I urge you to reconsider the proposed legislation CMS-2287-P which will eliminate Medicaid funding to schools that provide health services for children who need it the most.

I work for Chino Valley Unified School District in Edwin Rhodes Elementary that supports school-based administrative activities for students who are in need of health care. Our School District provides much needed school-based Medicaid services such as Medi-Cal outreach, coordination and monitoring of medical care of our students. Without the School-Based federal funding, I believe that the health of our special needs students will be greatly impacted. With out the Federal funds, we will be forced to dramatically reduce the health and mental health programs that our students are in need of.

I urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind their proposal CMS-2287-P.

Thank you for reconsidering this very important matter.

Jason Watts
Assistant Principal
Edwin Rhodes Elementary, Chino
Chino Valley USD, 6655 Schaefer Ave., 91710
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Submitter : Ms. Lydia Senteno
Organization : CVUSD
Category : Academic

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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October 4, 2007

To: Whom It May Concern:
Re: Docket CMS-2287-P – Medicaid Program;
Elimination of Reimbursement under Medicaid for School
Administration Expenditures and Costs Related to
Transportation of School-Age Children between Home and
School

I urge you to reconsider the proposed legislation CMS-2287-P which will eliminate Medicaid funding to schools that provide health services for children who need it the most.

I work for CVUSD, in the (Attendance Office of Canyon Hills Jr. Hi., Chino Hills) that supports school-based administrative activities for students who are in need of health care. Our School District provides much needed school-based Medicaid services such as Medi-Cal outreach, coordination and monitoring of medical care of our students. Without the School-Based federal funding, I believe that the health of our special needs students will be greatly impacted. With out the Federal funds, we will be forced to dramatically reduce the health and mental health programs that our students are in need of.

I urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind their proposal CMS-2287-P.

Thank you for reconsidering this very important matter.

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Submitter : Mrs. RoseAnn Hammond
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Individual

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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Submitter : Ms. Cathy Beaver
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Other Health Care Professional

Date: 10/05/2007

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Submitter : Ms. Jessica Brintley

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization : Mother

Category : Physical Therapist

Issue Areas/Comments

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long with Doctors appointments, and other therepies that I shuttle her back and forth to. She gets therpy at Cloverdale Trianing Center,in Farmington. Along with wheelchair ajustments, o.t.,also tube feeding.

which also takes place at school this is a big help to Jessica and myself..

Iam at a lost for words. My daugher, Jessica needs to be 'ALL' that she can be in this world. I do not want Her left behind in any shape or form. Jessica
Is a seventeen year old young lady in whom I am very proud to call my child. She has had to fight all her life, for her life. Do not take this from her.

Thank you Ms. Jessica A. Brintley (the mom)

Submitter : Mrs. Margaret Arriola
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Individual

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am opposed to the proposed regulation from the Centers for Medicare Services CMS-2287-P. Federal reimbursement for the costs of school staff that performs MAA administrative activities, outreach, monitoring of medical services, it is critically important to children who need medical services. The proposed change will greatly impact Chino Valley Unified School District's financial resources that are used to provide staff support for the health and mental health services for our students.

Submitter : Ms. Sherri Vitali

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization : California School Nurses Organization

Category : Nurse

Issue Areas/Comments

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The reimbursement under medicaid for school administration expenditures and costs related to transportation of school-age children is vital to the health and safety of thousands of school-age children. Elimination of this funding will greatly impact children's access to education if districts or parents are required to pay for transportation costs for students. Since medicaid funds supplement school nurse salaries, districts would be unable to fund school nurses and the health programs that school nurses create for students across the nation. It is the school nurse who often detects hearing and vision problems, child abuse, mental health issues, life-threatening diseases and dental decay in school-age children. It is the school nurse who follows children to ensure that services have been accessed. The school nurse also works with schools to combat absenteeism and truancy. Who will provide these services if school nurse positions are eliminated due to the withdrawal of medicaid reimbursements?

Respectfully,

Sherri Vitali, R.N., M.S.N.

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Submitter : Mrs. Sherilyn Ryan

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District

Category : Academic

Issue Areas/Comments

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CMS-2287-P-213

Submitter : Mrs. Jeannetta Altenburg, RN, ANP-C
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Nurse Practitioner

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am opposed to the proposed regulation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CMS-2287-P. Federal reimbursement for the costs of school staff that performs MAA administrative activities, outreach, monitoring of medical services, is **CRITICALLY** important to children who need medical services. The proposed change will greatly impact Chino Valley Unified School District's financial resources that are used to provide staff support for the Health and Mental Health services for our students.

Submitter : Ms. Michelle Sliwa
Organization : Chino Hills High School
Category : Other Practitioner

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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I urge you to reconsider the proposed legislation CMS-2287-P which will eliminate Medicaid funding to schools that provide health services for children who need it the most.

I work for the Chino Valley USD in the counseling department at Chino Hills High School, that supports school-based administrative activities for students who are in need of health care. Our School District provides much needed school-based Medicaid services such as Medi-Cal outreach, coordination and monitoring of medical care of our students. Without the School-Based federal funding, I believe that the health of our special needs students will be greatly impacted. With out the Federal funds, we will be forced to dramatically reduce the health and mental health programs that our students are in need of.

I urge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to rescind their proposal CMS-2287-P.

Thank you for reconsidering this very important matter.

Submitter : Mr. levy rabinowitz
Organization : chino valley usd
Category : State Government

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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MAA has been an important source of funding to our schools, benefiting students and staff by providing funds for programs such as school-based counseling and staff development. It would be very beneficial if the flow of MAA funds to the schools will continue at present levels.

Submitter :

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization :

Category : Academic

Issue Areas/Comments

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CMS-2287-P: As the administrator of a community college child development center, I am urging you to preserve the reimbursement program for school administrators. Early intervention is the key for the health and well-being of our preschool children and their families. The administrators in my office regularly refer students and their families to Medicaid/MediCal providers for various medical and mental health issues. Without knowledge of the resources available to them, many of our families would be without adequate health care. Medicaid employees cannot be out in the community full time identifying and referring families that need care. School administrators reach large numbers of families that would otherwise not have the knowledge and tools they need to attain services. The funding that comes to us through this program is essential because we can provide parent workshops and materials on health and safety, nutrition, parenting skills, stress reduction, and Medicaid/Medical providers and services. We have also had staff workshops on child welfare/child protective services, and early intervention. We are also able to obtain necessary curriculum materials that we otherwise would not be able to afford, such as cognitive games, and equipment for motor skills development.

I urge you to consider the necessity of this program in reaching out to unidentified families.

Submitter : Lori Henry

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization : Lori Henry

Category : Individual

Issue Areas/Comments

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As someone who has used this system when my husband was out of work - because of government layoffs, and as a foster parent - this would kill our community. We are about 90% poverty and this is a staple for our school. How about we cut down on the cost of administration and use this money for continuing funding this program. I understand that it is abused occasionally, but it would be punishment for those that truly need the program. As an educator, it looks as though we are taking a backward approach to this problem.

Submitter : Ms. melody kohn

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization : Cbino Valley Unified School District

Category : Academic

Issue Areas/Comments

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Please ensure that schools do not lose MAA/Medi-Cal money we earn through reporting our activities. These funds are so valuable to us to support our programs by enabling us to purchase many needs supplies and pieces of equipment for classrooms. This would be a big loss!

CMS-2287-P-219

Submitter : Mr. Lemont Baybrook
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Other Technician

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am opposed to the proposed regulation from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services CMS-2287-P. Federal reimbursement for the costs of school staff that performs M.A.A. administrative activities, outreach, monitoring of medical services, is critically important to children who need medical services. The proposed change will greatly impact Chino Valley Unified School Districts financial resources that are used to provide staff support for the health and mental health services for our students. As a Special Education services provider, I think that continued support for this program is extremely valuable for our students.

Submitter : Mrs. Diane Devey
Organization : CVUSD
Category : Federal Government

Date: 10/05/2007

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CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
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Please direct your questions or comments to 1 800 743-3951..

Submitter : Mrs. Laurel Mullally
Organization : Chino Valley Unified School District
Category : Nurse Practitioner

Date: 10/05/2007

Issue Areas/Comments

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I urge you to prevent this proposal to eliminate medicare administration payments from going forth, as it will force us to cut valuable services for our children in our school district. These funds allow us to provide medical, mental health, and ancillary services for children 3-22 in California.

CMS-2287-P-222

Submitter : Mary Jane O'Brien
Organization : boston public schools
Category : Nurse Practitioner

Date: 10/05/2007

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CMS-2287-P-222-Attach-1.TXT

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October 5, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Mary Jane O'Brien and I am a school nurse in Boston Public Schools, a certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner at the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center's Adolescent Clinic, and a PhD student at University of Massachusetts, Boston in the Nursing/Public Policy program. Thank you so much for the opportunity to give my comments regarding the proposed changes in Medicaid funding to schools.

This proposal jeopardizes the continuance of school children with disabilities receiving the health services they need to remain in school. At the Warren-Prescott School in Charlestown where I am the school nurse, there are four classes of autistic students who are able to attend classes because their medical and health related needs are met through funding from Medicaid. The funding that is threatened provides a variety of services to these schoolchildren including medical equipment for busses that transport students, transportation, and most importantly the administrative costs of identifying those children who need special medical and learning services and identifying those services that meet those needs.

School is where children spend the greater part of the day. Longstanding efforts of school systems that provide for children to be physically and mentally ready to learn in the least restrictive environment are at risk. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid would better serve these students by providing assistance in optimizing their educational settings through needed health care services. The amount of money that is threatened to be cut is such a small portion of the total Medicaid budget, and yet this funding performs very well for so many. What a shame to threaten this most vulnerable population.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions I can answer – I have been a school nurse in Boston Public Schools for seventeen years and would be honored to speak on behalf of these students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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CMS-2287-P-223

Author: Dr. Larry Horton

Date: 10/05/2007

Organization: Sweet Home School District

Category: Individual

Issue Areas/Comments

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I am writing to let you know that not all school districts abuse this funding. Sweet Home School District has a student population in which over 60% of our students are on free or reduced lunches. Many of our families do not have cars to transport them to health services and many more cannot afford the gas to travel the twenty miles to the nearest hospital. Our schools regularly deal with health related issues of our students and their parents. The funds generated from our administrative activities help pay for a part time drug and alcohol counselor and a family advocate that helps our neediest children and their families. The loss of this funding will negatively impact what we can do for these individuals. We hope that you reconsider the elimination of this funding opportunity.