

**Public Notice of Rate Methodology Change for the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division
School-Based Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Specialized Transportation Services**

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division (DSS/MHD) provides notice of the following:

Effective for dates of service beginning July 1, 2019, Missouri public and charter schools will use a cost-based reimbursement process based on certified public expenditures to establish the actual cost for delivery of MO HealthNet covered school-based IEP specialized transportation services to MO HealthNet participants. This methodology change is contingent upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

2. The annual estimated cost of this methodology change to the DSS/MHD effective July 1, 2019 is \$7,500,000. The cost settlement for claims paid from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 will occur in fiscal year 2021. The estimated cost of the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 settlement is \$1,100,000. The payments for this methodology change will be funded with federal funds and state match coming from participating school districts. There will be no state funding impact to DSS.
3. The change in methodology will allow the DSS/MHD to claim additional federal funds to maximize revenue for Missouri public and charter schools that participate in the school-based IEP specialized transportation services program.
4. A copy of the proposed State Plan Amendment with supporting documentation is available for public review by going to any Family Support Division Office or by contacting the Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. These documents also may be viewed online at: <https://dss.mo.gov/mhd/alerts~public-notice.htm>.
5. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express, or overnight mail, in person or by courier within 30 days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
P.O. Box 6500
Jefferson City, MO 65102-6500
Attention: Jennifer Bax

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for IEP Specialized Transportation Services" in the subject line.

6. No public hearing will be held.