

Federal Reimbursement Opportunity for the 2016-2017 School Year

This letter is to notify you of the opportunity to maximize your federal revenue through participation in the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) and/or School Health and Related Services (SHARS) programs in the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

The MAC program provides Texas school districts, including public charter schools, the opportunity to obtain reimbursement for certain costs related to administrative activities that support the Medicaid program.

The SHARS program provides Texas school districts, including public charter schools, the opportunity to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for direct medical services and certain costs associated with direct medical services provided to students with special needs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and documented in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

If you are currently participating in the MAC and/or SHARS programs, no action is required in order to continue participating for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

If you are not currently participating in the MAC program for the current school year (2015-2016) and would like to participate, your district must first enter into a MAC contract with the State.

- To obtain a MAC contract with the State of Texas, please complete the participation documents located on the MAC ISD website at: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/mac/isd-mac.shtml>

If you are not currently participating in the SHARS program for the current school year (2016-2017) and would like to participate, please follow the “Five Steps to Becoming a SHARS Medicaid Provider.”

- “Five Steps to Becoming a SHARS Medicaid Provider” may be found at: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/acute-care/shars/enrollment.shtml>
- Enrollment for SHARS must be completed prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year and prior to participation in the Random Moment Time Study. Please anticipate three to six months to complete the enrollment process.
- The Texas Medicaid fee-for-service provider enrollment form may be found on the Texas Medicaid and Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) website at: http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/ProviderEnrollment/PE_Home.aspx

In order to participate in either program your district must:

- Complete the enrollment/contracting process discussed above;
- Participate in the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Random Moment Time Study (RMTS);
- Meet HHSC annual training requirements that include attending RMTS training prior to the beginning of the upcoming school year. The training schedule and registration information can be found on the RMTS website link listed below; and
- Meet HHSC annual training requirements for both MAC and SHARS.

School districts interested in participating for this upcoming school year should consider beginning the process immediately, as it may take several months to complete all the paperwork and training requirements. Additional program and contact information can be found on the HHSC RAD website. If you have problems viewing or downloading information from this website, please call (512) 730-7404.

- MAC program:
Website: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/mac/isd-mac.shtml>
E-mail: mac@hhsc.state.tx.us
Phone: (512) 462-6200
- SHARS program:
Website: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/acute-care/shars/index.shtml>
E-mail: ra_shars@hhsc.state.tx.us
Phone: (512) 730-7400
- HHSC Rate Analysis Department:
Website: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/index.shtml>
E-mail: RateAnalysisDept@hhsc.state.tx.us
- RMTS:
Website: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/time-study/ts-isd.shtml>
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