Notify Families About Medicaid Reimbursement for OT and PT Services

As in past years, Occupational Therapy (OT) and Physical Therapy (PT) services for students with IEPs are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. In order to claim reimbursement, the DOE must obtain a physician’s order or referral. To obtain a physician’s order or referral, the DOE will contact you via email approximately two (2) to three (3) weeks prior, to schedule a physician’s visit at your school. Before the physician’s visit, you must print out and backpack home or mail the Parent Notification Letter to families of students who already receive OT and/or PT services to notify them that their child will be screened; translations are available on the Health Forms and Notices InfoHub page in the OT/PT Parent Notification Letters section.

Please confirm that you have sent notification letters to families prior to the physicians’ visits, which are scheduled throughout the school year, by responding to the scheduling email that you receive. Note that physicians will be unable to proceed with the visit if notification letters are not sent to families of students who already receive these services before they arrive at your school. Your IEP coordinator should have a list indicating which students are mandated for PT and OT, and of those students, which ones are actually receiving the services at school.

For more information about your role in the Medicaid-reimbursement process, refer to the OT/PT Medicaid Program Principal Protocol. For questions, email Fidel Luna or call 718-391-8247.