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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacob Oliva

DATE: July 24, 2020

SUBJECT: Medicaid-Reimbursable School-Based Services (House Bill 81: Health Care for Children)

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The 2020 Florida Legislature passed House Bill 81, Health Care for Children, and Governor DeSantis signed the bill on June 23, 2020. This legislation amends section 409.9071, Florida Statutes, revising provisions for the reimbursement of school-based services by the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). This bill has an effective date of July 1, 2020, and can be viewed at <http://laws.flrules.org/2020/79>.

The bill deletes the requirement specifying the use of certified state and local funds for Medicaid-reimbursable school-based services. Currently, these funds may only be used as certified match for services provided through an individual educational plan (IEP) or individual family support plan (IFSP).

By removing this requirement, the amended statute will allow for AHCA to reimburse school districts for certain Medicaid-reimbursable school-based services, defined by AHCA, provided to all students who are Medicaid eligible, not just services provided through an IEP or IFSP. The scope of reimbursable services is under AHCA's purview and will be defined in AHCA rule.

If you have questions regarding this bill, please contact Nanci English, school Medicaid consultant, at Nanci.English@fldoe.org or 850-245-5075.

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