



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

TO: MANAGED CARE PLANS  
FROM: JON PELKEY, DMAP  
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SUBJECT: COVERAGE OF SCHOOL-BASED PT/OT/ST

**This Memorandum provides clarification and guidance regarding coverage of therapy services for school children.**

OHP clients who are under the jurisdiction of the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) may receive physical therapy (PT), occupational therapy (OT) or speech therapy (ST) among the services articulated in their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Such school-sponsored therapy services are considered supplemental to other plan-covered therapy services that the student receives. School-based therapy services will not apply toward the member's maximum therapy allowances.

A plan may not make service decisions on prior authorization requests for PT/OT/ST services based on whether a child is receiving or may receive PT/OT/ST services pursuant to an IEP or IFSP, such as those provided by public schools and Education Service Districts (ESDs) to Medicaid-eligible children.

### **Authority:**

OARs 410-120-1200, 410-141-0420, and 410-133-0220

34 CFR 300.154

20 USC 1414(d)(1)(A)(i)(II)

### Interagency Agreement

Oregon has an agreement in effect titled Agreement between the Oregon Department of Education and the Department of Human Services, including the Oregon Health Authority, regarding Medicaid-funded services provided in educational settings. The Agreement specifies the financial and coordination responsibilities of each agency, dispute resolution procedures, the conditions, terms and procedures by which a public education agency is reimbursed by other agencies, and the order of payment reimbursement responsibilities pursuant to the Social Security Act.