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**Subject:** School Based/School Linked Health Centers (SBSLHCs)  
Reimbursement under Contracts with Qualified Health Plans (QHP) or Special Health Plans (SHPs)

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2000

**Program Affected:** Medicaid

Centers may continue to provide services to Qualified Health Plan enrollees under policy published in the MSA 97-14 bulletin. Under this existing policy, Medicaid beneficiaries may choose to obtain services from a School Based/School Linked Health Center (SBSLHC) without prior authorization from the Qualified Health Plan (QHP). If the SBSLHC does not have a contract with the QHP, then the QHP is still responsible for payment to the SBSLHC at Medicaid fee-for-service rates in effect on the date of service. Please note that the Children's Special Health Care Services Special Health Plans (SHP) are not required to reimburse centers for Medicaid services provided to SHP enrollees.

Once the SBSLHC and the QHP negotiates and signs a contract, then the SBSLHC is reimbursed according to the provisions of the contractual agreement. Contracts between the SBSLHC and the QHP or SHP should include policies and procedures relative to maintaining the confidentiality of information.

Do not confuse SBSLHCs with Medicaid's School Based Program for students enrolled in special education or who receive outreach services through school districts enrolled in the School Based Services Program. SBSLHCs provide access to preventive and primary care services for low-income children that live in communities that tend to be served by fewer providers.

A list of the approved SBSLHCs is attached.

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Distribution: Practitioner 97-10  
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Subject: Reimbursement for Services Provided by School Based or Linked  
Health Centers (Adolescent Health Centers)

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The following policy is effective for dates of service on and after December 1, 1997. Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), Clinic Plans (CPs), and Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) are responsible for reimbursing School Based or Linked Health Centers (SBLHC), certified by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Child and Family Services, for Medicaid clients enrolled with HMOs, CPs or QHPs who choose to obtain health care services from the SBLHC. The SBLHC should not be confused with Medicaid's School Based Program for students enrolled in special education. This policy is effective without prior Plan authorization and regardless of whether a contract exists between the HMO/CP/QHP and the SBLHC.

HMOs, CPs, and QHPs are encouraged to work with SBLHCs to develop contractual relationships. Contracts should include policies and procedures relative to maintaining the confidentiality of information. However, when enrolled clients choose to obtain health care services without Plan authorization from a SBLHC that does not have a contractual relationships with the HMO/CP/QHP, the HMO, CP, or QHP is still responsible for payment to SBLHC, at Medicaid fee for service rates in effect on the date of service.

The SBLHC must advise the HMOs/CPs/QHPs as to what service was provided in order to facilitate continuity of care for the client.

A list of the approved SBLHCs may be obtained by telephoning the Bureau of Child and Family Services at (517) 335-8911.

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