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January 28, 2010

Ms. Alicia Jacobs
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Dear Ms. Jacobs

I am seeking clarification as to how Medicaid reimburses hygienists who provide preventive school based public health dental services. A hygienist is establishing a company that will provide preventive dental services to children in public schools. These services will be provided by contract hygienists employed by the company. I will be their supervising dentist under the section of the Dental Practice Act that allows hygienists to provide services under general supervision in a public health setting.

One of my main concerns is the use of my provider number and where the reimbursements will be mailed. Does the new company use my current provider number for the services rendered or do they apply for another number to use with the school based incorporated business. Secondly, will the reimbursement checks be made out in the name of the school based business with the checks mailed to the business address? I am only providing supervisory services as required by law and do not wish for my provider number to be used since I am not actually providing the direct services. I am being paid a fee for my supervisory services by the company owned by a hygienist. The prevention services will be provided by the hygienists in the schools. Therefore, does South Carolina provide direct reimbursement to a company owned by a hygienist for procedures performed by the hygienists employed by her company?

Thank you very much for your help in this matter. I do not want the tax liability for a company not owned by me.

Sincerely



Richard L. McDaniel, DMD

2/16/10

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Dear Dr. McDaniel:

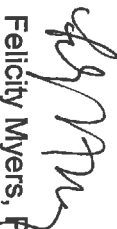
Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 2010, regarding your role and the requirements that must be met for a school based dental program operating under a Memorandum of Agreement with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC). All services rendered by a registered dental hygienist in this setting must be authorized in detailed Standing Orders by you as the supervising dentist according to the SCDHEC approved screening system, designated as "Guidelines." In addition, the supervising dentist must be licensed by and residing in the state of South Carolina.

Providers submitting claims for services in this SCDHEC public health setting must designate in writing the supervising dentist. The dentist acting in this role would be considered the provider of services for billing purposes and must be enrolled in the South Carolina Medicaid program. As such, this dentist would be responsible for all treatment provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.

When submitting claims for services performed, the company would be listed as the 'pay to provider' and the supervising dentist, along with the corresponding Medicaid identification number, would be listed as the 'rendering' provider on the claim. Reimbursements for services would be paid directly to the enrolled company/corporate entity. Additionally, all payments would be reported to the Internal Revenue Service under the corporate entity identification number and TIN. No payments would be made by SCDHHS to the supervising dentist.

We appreciate your participation in and support of the Medicaid program. If you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Shirley W. Carrington at (803)898-2563.

Sincerely,


Felicity Myers, Ph.D.
Deputy Director

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