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Date

Dear Parent:

If your child is Medicaid eligible and the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team determines that he or she receive audiology services, occupational therapy evaluations and treatment services, physical therapy evaluations and therapy (individual and group), psychological evaluations and therapy (individual and group), and speech and language evaluations and therapy (individual and group), you may choose to 1) agree to services offered by the school district's provider through the IEP, 2) agree to services offered by the school district's provider through the IEP and obtain additional services to address other needs from a private provider, as appropriate and available under LA Medicaid regulations, or 3) decline to accept services from the school district's provider and obtain services enumerated in the IEP from a private provider.

However, if you do choose to use a provider other than the school system's provider and any part of the cost is not paid by Medicaid, the student's parent(s) - not the school system - will be responsible for the cost. In addition, the school system is not responsible for transportation to and from service providers other than the school system's providers.

If you decide to seek these services from providers other than those working with the school system, you should keep in mind that the school system is not responsible for the negligent acts or omissions of the service providers other than those providers employed by or contracting with the school system. In addition, the school system is not responsible for the quality of services obtained outside the school context and is not responsible for any lack of progress your child may experience under the care of these outside providers. While you have the right to seek services provided independently from the school system, you should keep in mind that the school system cannot guarantee that the services furnished by these independent service providers are designed to make progress toward the goals and objectives stated in the IEP. However, if you seek services from an outside service provider, we ask that you furnish a copy of your child's IEP to the provider so that he/she can have the benefit of the efforts of the IEP team.

If at some point you decide to return to the school system provider for services, it will be your responsibility to notify the school and request a reconvening of the IEP committee.

If you need assistance in locating a provider other than the school or early intervention center, please contact your case manager, physician, or call the KIDMED Referral Assistance Hotline toll free at 1-877-455-9955.

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