

## **UPDATES**

### **Office of Special Education Michigan Department of Education October 2013**

#### **WHAT'S NEW?**

##### **Accountability/State Assessments**

- The 2012-2013 MARSE rule set, 2012-106 ED, has completed the rule promulgation process and has been enacted.
  - The new MARSE took effect September 26, 2013. The up to date MARSE is available at the Office of Regulatory Reform website. The OSE will be updating its websites, documents, and resources as soon as possible and sending out notifications as these updates are completed.

##### **Data Collection**

- The annual data memo, which provides information on new data collection characteristics, changes to characteristics and common data reporting problems was released September 30.
- One new characteristic is the Date of Initial IEP. When reporting this date, it is the date that a new IEP has been completed AND offer of FAPE is made.
- Upcoming Deadlines:
  - October 25: Educational Assessment and Accountability (EAA) "As of" date for fall assessments
  - November 6: Fall 2013 General Collection submission deadline
  - November 13: Fall 2013 General Collection certification deadline and Early Childhood Fall 2013 Collection certification deadline

##### **Monitoring**

- August 15, 2013 Workbook –
  - Eight hundred and forty-three locals have acknowledged their reports.
  - Eight locals have still not acknowledged their reports.
- Fall Monitoring Cycle –
  - Thirty-eight school districts will participate in an on-site monitoring visit with a total of 42 monitoring activities including Significant Disproportionality – Identification, Significant Disproportionality – Discipline, Indicator 9, Indicator 10, and General Supervision Monitoring.
  - Seven school districts will participate in a desk audit for Significant Disproportionality – Discipline or Indicator 10.

- The first on-site visit was September 16, 2013. The last on-site visit is scheduled for October 24 through October 25, 2013.
- Desk audits will also be completed by October 25, 2013.
- The OSE Monitoring and Technical Assistance Team has conducted the following in preparation for and in assisting implementation of the Fall 2013 Monitoring:
  - August 20, 2013 – New CIMS Coordinator Webinar – This training for local CIMS Coordinators was held in the morning.
  - August 20, 2013 – Local Webinar for all local CIMS Coordinators – This training for new and returning local CIMS Coordinators was held in the afternoon.
  - September 11, 2013 – Focused Monitoring Training for ISD Monitors and OSE Leads and Technical Assistance Staff for Significant Disproportionality – Identification, Significant Disproportionality – Discipline, Indicator 9, Indicator 10, and General Supervision Monitoring
  - September 16, 2013 – Training for new ISD Monitors – 12 new monitors participated from throughout the state in a full day of training. The training focused on the most immediate monitoring activities in the morning. Staff from Program Accountability spent the afternoon with the group describing rule development and promulgation, prospective new rule packages, assistance available through the Help Line, the intermediate school district plan, state complaints, and due process complaints.
  - September 17, 2013 – COP call for ISD monitors to discuss validation reviews and desk audit timelines.
  - September 20, 2013 – Monitoring and Technical Assistance Team Conference Call with Lead Monitors to clarify questions that have arose during the first week of on-site visits.

## **Medicaid**

- The National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) Annual Conference is being held in Grand Rapids this week, and many of you and your staff are in attendance. This meeting has shattered the record for registrants, so Jane Reagan thanks you for your strong support. Please provide her feedback on your/staff experiences there.
- The federal Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Office of the Inspector General auditors, have informed the Michigan Medicaid School Based Services program that they have chosen to audit the Michigan Medicaid program next.
  - As far as we know, this means these federal auditors will be auditing the Michigan Medicaid Program, not individual school districts. At the time of this writing there is very little we know, including: the dates they will arrive for the entrance conference; the quarter(s) being audited; or the scope of the audit. As soon as that info is available, we will let you know.
- Michigan's Medicaid program is now adding a special code to allow for reimbursement for those instances in which the child's eligibility/services status has been determined by the

REED process. The initial announcement was not well written and has been re-written and re-issued in October.

- The scheduled meetings of the Medicaid School Based Services Implementers are: November 12, 2013; March 11, 2014; and May 20, 2014. All are held at Ingham ISD and take place from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Phone and web access are both available, with agendas and handouts coming to you one week prior to each meeting.
- Please continue to inform Jane Reagan if you have issues with a Medicaid provider/physician's office/health plan/clinic that denies a family services and sends them to your school for therapies. In general, this is NOT Medicaid's policy, so Jane and Kevin Bauer at Medicaid want to know when you become aware of families being denied services to which they may be entitled.

### **MI-SER (Michigan Special Education Reference)**

- Updates to the MI-SER:
  - Focus Monitoring Activities
  - OSEP Policy Letters
    - CEIS-MOE January 30, 2013
    - Parentally-placed private school children February 4, 2013
    - RTI March 7, 2013
    - Resolution Sessions March 27, 2013
    - Functional Behavior Assessment April 2, 2013
    - Natural Environments April 18, 2013
    - FERPA May 8, 2013
    - Parent Participation IEP Meetings May 21, 2013

### **Early Childhood**

- *Early On* desk audits will start in October. Local programs selected for this activity and announced in the CIMS September 15<sup>th</sup> Workbook should have received additional instructions on information needed to verify the submitted self-assessment. Questions on the process should be directed to your *Early On* consultant.

### **UPCOMING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

Upcoming Learning Opportunities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHH)

- MDE-LIO is partnering with the following organizations to provide statewide professional development for DHH teachers, staff and interpreters:
- **University of Michigan - Sound Support Workshops:**
  - 6 sessions starting December going through May
  - SCECHs/CEUs available

- Topics: troubleshooting new technology, bilateral Cochlear Implants, outcomes of students with CI's, audiological management of unilateral losses, programming CI's and what to do with babies.
  - Sign up information coming soon. Check the MDE-LIO website. <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org>
- **University of Nebraska-Boys Town - Educational Interpreter (EIPA) Video Conferences**
  - Interpreter CEUs opportunities in October, December, February, and April
  - Offered at 6 sites Lansing Community College, Madonna, Delta School Craft, Kalamazoo RESA, Bay Arenac ISD, Gratiot-Isabella, and Northview-**sign up at these local sites!**
- **New EIPA test dates** for interpreters on the MDE-LIO website- October 2013 to September 2014 <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org>
- **SLPI (Sign Language Proficiency Interviews)**-for students or staff- schedule an assessment on our website <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org>
- **MDE-LIO EduBlog Launch**
- **MDE-LIO Launch of the DHH Assessment Grid, Transition Guidelines and Early Childhood Guidelines** <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org>

#### Upcoming Events for Blind and Visually Impaired

- Low Incidence Outreach is currently forming **Regional On-Demand Braille Classes** in the following areas for teachers, paraprofessionals, family members and others who give support to students who are blind or visually impaired.
  - Jackson County
  - Macomb County
  - Washtenaw County
  - Clare County
  - Detroit

For more information visit our website at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/ClassesandWorkshops.aspx>.
- Low Incidence Outreach is currently forming the following **On-Demand Technology Classes** for teachers, paraprofessionals, family members and others who give support to students who are blind or visually impaired.
  - Beginner Apple Products Workshop in the Marquette area (October 25, 2013)
  - Teaching Internet Explorer Using JAWS Class in Ottawa County (November 21-22, 2013)

- Basic BrailleNote Class in the Muskegon area (TBA) For more information visit our website at <http://mde-lio.cenmi.org/Services/ClassesandWorkshops.aspx>.

#### Upcoming Events for *Early On* and Early Childhood Special Education

- The 2013 *Early On* Conference, "The Art of Early Intervention: Add Color to Your Canvas," is scheduled for November 13-15, 2013, at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan.
- Early Childhood Special Education; ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619) has several face-to-face trainings scheduled for Child Outcomes 0-5 Training: *Early On* and Preschool Special Education. Additional information and registration may be found at <http://eotta.ccesa.org/Training.php?Cat=2&ID=43>.
- Early Childhood Special Education; ECSE (Part B of IDEA, Section 619) has an online Preschool Child Outcome training that is available and may be found at <http://www.eotta.ccesa.org/Training.php?Cat=21>