



# Monday Message

May 24, 2021

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## Special Education Module

### **Update in ECATS Special ED Services Area as of 5/24/21:**

The following *Special Education Service* option was added:

- Motor Skills

### **Update to Progress Monitoring Reports**

Progress Monitoring Reports have been updated. See attached document with the report name and a description of each. (ATTACHED)

### **UPDATE: ECATS Change - “Per Reporting Period”**

The EC Division is organizing a technical assistance package to support the transition from the use of “Per Reporting Period” as an option to describe the frequency of services. Please be reminded that the EC Division is not requiring LEAs to review and revise current IEPs in anticipation of this change.

The EC Division has also heard concerns and considered requests for additional time for local training to occur before removing this option. Therefore, the sunset date for removing “Per Reporting Period” from ECATS will now be September 15, 2021 rather than July 1, 2021. With the extension of time and the aforementioned technical assistance package, it is hoped this will support PSUs to a smoother transition for this change.

### **ECATS PaperClip Usage Monitoring**

In March, the EC Division and PCG released this document to support LEAs in the message of PaperClip Storage. We are providing this information again as the annual allocation occurs in July. (ATTACHED)

### **2020-2021 End of Year Data Submission for Indicator 7**

Please see the memo regarding information on the submission of INDICATOR 7 data. (ATTACHED).

## Service Documentation Module

### **UPDATE: Service Documentation Module**

As part of an ongoing effort to streamline functionality in the ECATS Service Documentation module, we will be removing elements in the module that currently exist only to support Medicaid claiming. While much of the data in the Service Documentation module supports Medicaid claiming, it is not primarily designed as a claim preparation tool. The primary purposes of the Service Documentation module are to organize and capture data on IEP service delivery, support ongoing intervention planning, support progress monitoring/reporting, and support program monitoring and service verification.

As such, as of May 24, 2021, the following elements will be removed from the Service Documentation module:

- Medicaid One Time Consent/Annual Notification
- Physician Authorization Event/Tracking
- "No Ability to Bill" user type modifier

LEAs will need to incorporate these elements in their Medicaid claiming platform/process.

Any questions/concerns related to this change can be directed to [Lauren.Holahan@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:Lauren.Holahan@dpi.nc.gov)