

# Lumea Group Rationale

Lumea allows Districts to set parameters that affect how the district records for students that the service providers will include in groups for documentation and Medicaid billing purposes. The purpose of this document is to identify the options that are available to districts for recording group services.

## Option A – Groups of 1

The District wants to allow service providers to indicate “group” services, but only include 1 student in the group. This would occur when the District determines only students with IEP identified services are included in the group number for Medicaid billing purposes, but to demonstrate that the student received the services in a group setting per the IEP, the service provider can indicate the service as a group service and only show 1 student in the Lumea session.

Lumea allows districts to either allow “groups of 1” or to not allow groups of 1. MSB technical support or the district Program Specialist can make this change for the District.<sup>1</sup>

The “Add Sessions” window would appear as follows when “groups of 1” are allowed to occur in the district account (notice “Group” is selected, and “Student Count” is a “1”):

The screenshot shows the "Add Session" window with the following details:

- Service: Rehabilitative Assistance
- Session Description: group in morning
- Place of Service: School
- Date: 8/4/2011
- Scheduled Start Time: 8:00 AM
- Scheduled End Time: 8:30 AM
- Duration: 30 minutes
- Type:  Individual  Group
- Student Count: 1
- Recurrence:  Yes  No

<sup>1</sup> If districts print Lumea sessions for purposes of submission of Catastrophic Aid claims, be aware that some districts have had “group of 1” claims rejected by the Department of Education

## **Option B – Including non-IEP students in group size**

The District understands that Medicaid policy under the Medicaid to Schools Program identifies services as, in part:

*“Covered services shall be provided through a student’s LEA or SAU. Such services shall be designed to meet the health needs of a student by facilitating the reduction of a physical or mental impairment and providing rehabilitation. Covered services shall be included in the student’s IEP.”*

One of the required documentation elements required by Medicaid to Schools is to indicate whether the service was delivered individually or in a group, and if in a group, the size of the group.

Even though it might seem inconsistent with the Medicaid policy, The Department of Health and Human services has taken the position that Districts must expand the group number to demonstrate the allocation of the service provider’s time across the number of students that are actually benefitting from the services of the service provider due to a plan, perhaps other than an IEP, that indicates that a student or students will receive services from the service provider.

For example, if there are 3 IEP students receiving a group service from a Speech Language Pathologist, and also included in the group is a 504 plan student, the group size, even for Medicaid billing purposes, is 4, not just the 3 IEP students receiving a service. The 504 plan student is NOT billable to Medicaid, but to allocate costs for billing purposes, districts must include the 504 plan student for group size purposes only.

To allow the non-IEP students to be included in the group size, the district has two options:

### **Option B – 1**

Service providers have the ability to change the “Student Count” in the Add Session window to be more than the number of students selected under the “Select Students” button.

### **Option B – 2**

The alternative way to allow service providers to capture students who do not have IEPs (and are therefore not billable) to be both shown in the session and included in the group, is to add non-IEP students to the Lumea database, include them in the service provider’s caseload, have the service provider add the non-IEP students to sessions, and then they will calculate as part of the group when included in the session. Very important: if the district opts to add non-IEP students to the Lumea database, they will need to be indicated as “not receiving special education” in the student details section in Lumea as shown below:

NHDEMO Waypoint X-Logs Administrator Bay, Test Student Details

Administration QUICKbooks

User Management Student: Bay, Test (02/14/2003) Active School: (All) Grade: (All) Include Inactive Students

Caseload Management Student Information Student Provider Team Eligibility Tracking

Caseload Reports

**Student Management** Student Details 11359 Save

General Student Information Medicaid ID: 64674754

Mailing Address Parent/Guardian Medicaid Consent Signed

Physical Address Date of Parental Consent for Medicaid Reimbursement: 6/12/2009

Placement Information Medicaid Billing Start Date: 9/7/2009

Review Dates Medicaid Billing Stop Date: 9/1/2010

Disability Information Medicaid Billing Stop Date: 9/1/2010

Medicaid Information Town Receiving Reimbursement: (DOL) Dover

Student Status

Transfer Information Status: Active

Child Find Entry Date: 9/1/2009 12:00:00 AM

Exit Information Exit Date: [ ]

Graduation Date Projected Graduation Date: 6/22/2012

**Special Education Status** Is the student a Special Education student? No

By indicating "N" to the question "Is the student a Special Education Student?" this will NOT allow any billing to be processed to Medicaid for this student. Meanwhile, the student will be available to include in the service provider caseload for documentation purposes, and to then include in groups for Medicaid cost-allocation purposes.