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## Individualized Education Program (IEP)

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Parent DSC Notification

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### **NOTIFICATION OF DISTRICT PARTICIPATION**

J.O. Combs Unified School District receives funding from the Medicaid Direct Service Claiming (DSC) program for IEP covered services to eligible children through AHCCCS, Arizona's Medicaid agency. This is a state-approved program that allows our School District to receive partial reimbursement from federal funds for providing some health-related covered services to eligible children in our school system. Examples of covered services include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, assistance with daily living skills, special education transportation and nursing services.

The School District, working with the State Medicaid agency, will need to determine if your child is eligible or should become eligible in the school-based Medicaid program. The District is required under federal law to provide you with annual notification of its participation in this program and of the IDEA regulations discussed below. You have also been provided with a written consent form, which is a separate document. Your written consent indicates that you understand and agree that the District will submit your child's information to the State Medicaid agency and their authorized agencies to verify eligibility and submit claims for the DSC program. The school may use Medicaid benefits in which a child participates to provide or pay for services documented in the Individualized Education Program (IEP). Parents are not required to sign up for or enroll in AHCCCS to receive IEP services or a free appropriate public education, nor are they responsible for any out of pocket expenses for these IEP services. The schools use of this reimbursement program does NOT in any way affect or impacts other AHCCCS benefits to which the child is entitled, including any otherwise eligible services outside of school. Parents' refusal to allow access to their AHCCCS benefits does not relieve the school of its responsibility to ensure that all required services are provided at no cost to the parents.

J.O. Combs Unified School District will provide the required services to your child at no cost to you whether or not you grant your written consent. Parental consent is voluntary on the part of the parent and may be revoked at any time. If consent is removed, that revocation is not retroactive (i.e., it does not negate an action that has occurred after the consent was given and before the consent was revoked.) The District's use of this reimbursement program does not in any way affect or impact other Medicaid benefits to which your child is entitled, including any otherwise eligible services outside of school. (34 CFR 300.154 (d))

Please email Rhonda Martin at [rmartin@jocombs.k12.az.us.org](mailto:rmartin@jocombs.k12.az.us.org), or call Rhonda at 480.987-.5321, if you have questions.

Respectfully,

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