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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** DA – Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Frank Reed, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health 

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**SUBJECT:** Clarification – Success Beyond Six Case Rate

This memorandum provides clarification of the DMH Medicaid Fee-for-Service Provider Manual (7/1/14) related to services included in the Success Beyond Six (SB6) school-based clinician Case Rate, the type of provider that can bill the bundled case rate, and the credentials required of providers for each distinct service included in the case rate. This provision will be incorporated into the DMH Medicaid FFS Manual revision.

The SB6 case rate is a bundled payment for a variety of school-based mental health services. It is preferred that the case rate is billed by Master’s level credentialed clinical staff. While a provider with a lower level of education/credentialing may bill case rate, some of the distinct services provided under the case rate have a provider qualification requirement of higher levels of clinical education and credentialing that must be met. Providers who bill the SB6 case rate can only provide services within the case rate for which they meet the necessary requirements. Any other exceptions require approval of the Department of Mental Health.

Each service type that may be provided as part of the SB6 case rate is listed in the table below with the corresponding provider requirement and section of the manual to reference for more information:

SERVICE TYPE (FFS Manual section)	PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS
Clinical Assessment (3.2)	Master’s level credentialed clinical staff *
Individual Therapy (3.3)	Master’s level credentialed clinical staff *
Family Therapy (3.4)	Master’s level credentialed clinical staff *
Group Therapy (3.5)	Master’s level credentialed clinical staff *
Service Planning and Coordination (3.6)	Bachelor’s level preferred; authorized by the prescribing physician or Medical Director as competent to provide the service based on his/her education, training, or experience
Community Supports (3.7)	Bachelor’s level preferred; authorized by the prescribing physician or Medical Director as competent to provide the service based on his/her education, training, or experience

\* For Master’s interns and Master’s non-licensed, rostered clinical staff, Supervised Billing rules apply. Please refer to **Section 8.4** of the *Vermont Medicaid Provider Manual* entitled *Supervised Billing for Behavioral Health Services* for current provider guidance:

<http://www.vtmedicaid.com/Downloads/manuals/New%20Consolidated%20Manual/VTMedicaidProviderManual.pdf>

This provision will be incorporated into the upcoming DMH Medicaid FFS Provider Manual revision.

