

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM AGENCIES TO PROVIDE COST RECOVERY MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE, FROM JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL:** IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/  
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS

Authorization is requested to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from agencies to provide cost recovery Medicaid Fee-For-Services. The Fee-For-Services program currently reimburses the district for the following services to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) eligible students: speech therapy; physical therapy; occupational therapy; behavioral services; nursing services; and transportation. The district seeks to continue obtaining reimbursement for these services and to obtain reimbursement for any other eligible services under the Florida Certified School Match Program.

The 1997 Florida Legislature revised state statutes to authorize the Florida Medicaid program to develop a new School Match Program category of services termed "school-based services" and to seek federal approval to reimburse school districts for services provided to Medicaid eligible students that are eligible for services under IDEA Part B or C. Since that time the district has developed and implemented procedures to obtain reimbursement through this program. The purpose of this Request for Proposals is to establish a contract for services from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. School Board approval will be requested to renew the contract for one additional two-year period, if the terms of the contract have been satisfactorily completed.

The selection of the cost recovery agent will be made by a committee on the basis of several factors including qualifications, ability to provide bilingual services, and fee. The proposed members of the selection committee are:

Assistant Superintendent	- Office of Career Preparation and Innovative Programs
Assistant Superintendent	- Office of Exceptional Student Education and Psychological Services
Director	- Division of Business Development and Assistance
Administrative Director	- Transportation
District Director	- Office of Risk and Benefits Management
Region Director	- Exceptional Student Education

Assistant Chief Budget Officer - Office of Budget Management  
 Representative - United Teachers of Dade  
 Administrative Director - School Operations  
 Representative - Division of Procurement Management

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of a Selection Committee ..... January 12, 2000  
 Procurement Contract Review Committee ..... December 16, 1999  
 Mailing of RFP ..... January 21, 2000  
 Opening of Proposals ..... February 22, 2000  
 Evaluations completed by Selection Committee ..... February 29, 2000  
 Contract Award ..... April 12, 2000

A copy of the RFP will be provided to Board Members under separate cover, and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary and the Citizen Information Center.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000 under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6845, Object 5310, Location 9731.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to issue a Request for Proposals from agencies to provide cost recovery Medicaid Fee-For-Services, from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001; and
2. approve the selection committee to evaluate proposals submitted.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2000-2001 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2000.

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