

Education
Mercedes Tournal, Associate Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT
TO ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM AGENCIES TO
PROVIDE COST RECOVERY MEDICAID FEE-FOR-SERVICE,
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004**

**COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND SCHOOL
OPERATIONS**

Authorization is requested to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) from agencies to provide cost recovery Medicaid Fee-For-Service. The Fee-For-Service 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, augmentative and/or communication 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 Florida Medicaid School Match Program reimburses school districts for services provided to Medicaid eligible students who are eligible for services under IDEA, Part B or C. Since 1998, the District has implemented procedures to obtain reimbursement through this program. The District received \$1,375,205 in cost recovery for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and paid \$300,000 in fees to Deloitte Consulting, L.P.

The purpose of this RFP is to establish a contract for services from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Approval will be requested to renew the contract for a maximum of two additional one-year periods, 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:

- the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Support & Innovative Programs or designee;
- the Assistant Superintendent of the Office of Exceptional Student Education and Student/Career Services;
- the Risk and Benefits Officer of the Office of Risk and Benefits Management or designee;

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- a region director for Exceptional Student Education;
- a representative from the Division of Business Development and Assistance;
- a representative from the Department of Transportation;
- a representative from the Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management;
- a representative from the Office of Budget Management;
- a representative from the Office of Information Technology;
- a representative from School Operations; and
- a representative from the United Teachers of Dade.

The estimated timeline for implementation is as follows:

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| Procurement Contract Review Committee | February 6, 2003 |
| Request Board approval to issue RFP and approval of a Selection Committee | February 12, 2003 |
| Mailing of RFP | February 18, 2003 |
| Opening of Proposals | March 25, 2003 |
| Evaluations completed by Selection Committee | April 14, 2003 |
| Contract Award..... | May 14, 2003 |

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2003-2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2003 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-Service, from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004; and
2. approve the selection committee to evaluate proposals submitted.

The appropriation for this item will be included in the 2003-2004 Tentative Budget to be recommended for adoption in July 2003.

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