

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SUPERINTENDENT TO AMEND A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH COST MANAGEMENT SERVICES (CMS), INC., FOR MEDICAID LOSS PREVENTION AND CLAIMING SERVICES, CHANGING THE STRUCTURE FROM A CONTINGENCY FEE TO A FIXED MONTHLY FEE, FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$66,767, FROM FEBRUARY 10, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

On May 13, 1998, the Board approved a contractual agreement with Cost Management Services (CMS), Inc., for the provision of Medicaid loss prevention and claiming services. Payments to CMS have been on a contingency fee basis, based upon the amount of Medicaid reimbursement received by the district. The contract for this fiscal year was for 14 percent of actual paid receipts. The School Board has had a contractual agreement with CMS since October 11, 1995.

Florida Statutes have been amended so that contingency fee-based contracts will no longer be permitted for Medicaid claiming services. Existing contracts for claiming services that contain contingency fee payments must be amended prior to February 14, 2000.

Under the proposed amendment, a flat fixed fee of \$66,767 will be charged for the remainder of the contract period. This fee is based upon historical claiming patterns in the district and costs related to researching and designing a claiming process for transportation services. The district will continue to file reimbursement claims for the following services to eligible students with disabilities: therapy services (occupational, physical and speech), behavioral services (psychological and social work), and nursing.

The appropriation for this item is included in the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget under Fund 0100, Function 5217, Program 6845, Object 5310, Location 9731.

The CEO of Cost Management Services, Inc., is James Durkin.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to amend a contractual agreement with Cost Management Services (CMS), Inc., for Medicaid loss prevention and claiming services, changing the structure from a contingency fee to a fixed monthly fee, for a total amount not to exceed \$66,767, from February 10, 2000 through June 30, 2000.

The appropriation for this item is included in the General Fund of the 1999-2000 Adopted Budget.

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