

Fact Sheet: Contracting for Third Party Clinical Social Work Supervision

Current School Social Work Services

- Mandated counseling services on Individualized Education Programs and 504 Accommodation Plans
- Individual, group and crisis counseling
- Mandated reporting of child abuse
- Whole group classroom push-in lessons
- Liaison between the community and school

Proposed changes: Use of third party Licensed Clinical Social Worker from Syracuse University to provide social work supervision for Emily LaLone. If granted approval, this would promote professional development and increase availability of services for students in our district by pursuing LCSW credential.

***If the district and/or Department of Special Education approve, this plan would also provide the ability to bill Medicaid for Psychological Counseling IEP Services, reimbursing the district for sessions that count towards clinical hours and providing a new source of revenue.**

Benefits to Homer Central School District

Short-term

- Immediate impact: Improve scope of practice and ongoing professional development to improve quality of services to our students thus reducing behavioral problems.

Long-term

- Increased legal protection and decreased liability for services provided by school social worker
- Increased quality and range of services available to students in district with a mental health diagnosis
- Addition of ability for district to bill Medicaid for services for students with Psychological counseling listed on their IEP, returning revenue to district and providing an immediate financial return on this investment
- Would grant qualification to provide social work supervision within the district for future school social workers hired in Homer Central School District, promote professional development and support within the department
- Allow for supervision of future BSW or MSW students, increase department's ability to provide services to the highest number of students possible

NYSED Requirements to become LCSW: 100 hours of in-person clinical supervision; 2,000 client contact hours over 3-6 years. Supervision is required to be paid by employer (\$100/hour of supervision). The structure of the payment plan and amount of time the total cost could be spread over is determined by the district. NYSED:OMS requires either bi-weekly or weekly supervision to bill Medicaid for Psychological Counseling services on IEP.

Bi-weekly supervision: 20 sessions/ school year = \$2,000 annually over 5 years

Weekly supervision: 40 sessions/ school year = \$4,000 over 2.5 years

Cost & Payment Plan:

Cost: \$100/ hour of in-person supervision with LCSW x 100 required hours= \$10,000 total. Supervision would only be paid for during contractual weeks that school is in session (40 weeks of school/school year). According to the NYSED Operations and Management Services, supervision must occur weekly (40 hours/school year) or bi-weekly (20 hours/school year) to be able to bill Medicaid to return funding to the district.

The district will determine the structure of payment for supervision. As mentioned above, the 100 hours of supervision can be done weekly or bi-weekly to meet NYSED: OMS requirements for billing Medicaid for IEP Psychological Counseling services . If supervision occurs bi-weekly, this would allow for allotted funding to last over a longer period of time, allowing me to complete contact hours at a pace that is least disruptive to students learning environment

Bi-weekly supervision: If the district opted for bi-weekly supervision plan, it would cost the district \$2,000/ school year for 5 years. This would cover 20 bi-weekly supervision sessions, over the span of 5 years to be able to have the required 100 in-person supervision hours. This would allow the district to pay slowly over time and also would leave more room in scheduling for higher priority issues (crisis counseling, whole group push-in, groups, etc)

Weekly supervision: If the district and I opted for weekly supervision, it would cost the district \$4,000/year for 2.5 years. This would cover 40 weekly supervision sessions, over the span of 2.5 years. In order to meet this requirement, I would have to begin scheduling 14 client contact hours (14 weekly 45 minute sessions with individuals or groups) to run concurrently with this plan.

Example: Potential revenue for Medicaid billable IEP counseling services

# of IEP Counseling Clients per week	Billable \$ per client for Homer CS	Revenue/Week for Homer CS	Revenue/Academic year for Homer CS	Revenue for 3 years for Homer CS	Revenue for 6 years for Homer CS
10	\$25	\$250	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$60,000