



# ***SHARS Matters Webinar Series***

**September 2023 – SHARS Summer Recap**

*Presented by Dario Avila, TASB Special Education Solutions*



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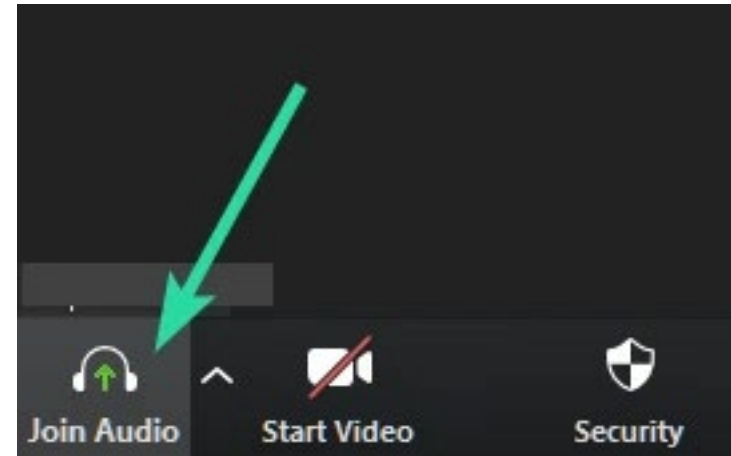
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All webinars are held on the third Wednesday of the month during the school year, except in March. Attendees will be given an opportunity to ask our experts questions following the presentations.

### SHARS Matters Webinar Series Schedule\* (Season 3)

Date & Time	Webinar Topic & Registration Link
September 21, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	<a href="#">SHARS Updates</a>
October 19, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Provider Enrollment/Revalidation</a>
November 16, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Parental Consent</a>
December 14, 2022 1-1:30 p.m. CST	<a href="#">SHARS Billing</a>
January 18, 2023 1-1:30 p.m. CST	<a href="#">SHARS Cost Report</a>
February 15, 2023 1-1:30 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Strong IEP Documentation is Strong SHARS Documentation</a>



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# Speech Language Pathologists (Provider) Enrollment Options

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# SLP (Provider) Enrollment Options

- (SHARS SLP) Individual performing provider workaround to maintain active status without billing for services.
- Effective July 3, 2023, School Health and Related Services (SHARS) speech-language pathology (SLP) and audiology providers can enroll in the Provider Enrollment and Management System (PEMS) as an ordering, referring, or prescribing (ORP) provider.





# SLP (Provider) Enrollment Options

## Individual (Performing) Provider

- Provider can bill for Medicaid services provided to Medicaid eligible clients
- Provider authorized to order, refer or prescribe Medicaid services for Medicaid clients
- Long, complicated application process
- Must bill to remain active
- Must revalidate every 5 years

## Ordering, Referring, Prescribing (ORP) Provider

- Provider authorized to order, refer or prescribe Medicaid services for Medicaid clients
- Short, simple application process
- Not required to bill to maintain eligibility
- Must revalidate every 5 years

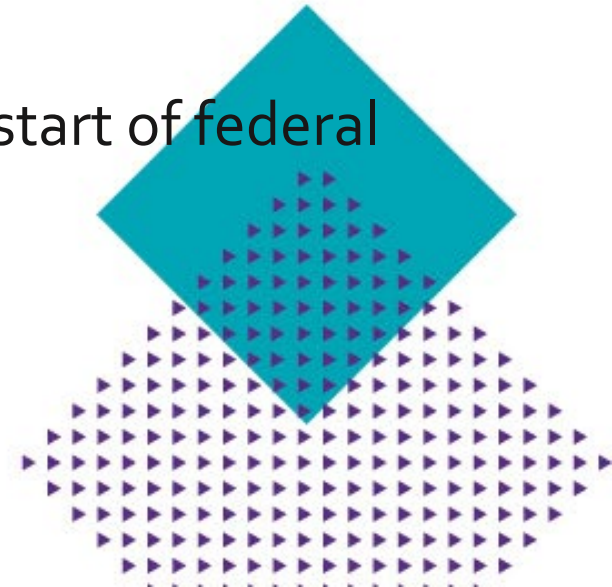
# Section 504 Audiology Billing Update

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# Section 504 Audiology Billing Update



- No change to service
- Implementation of audiology services provided under Section 504 plans for SHARS is still pending Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval.
- Unlikely to be approved before start of federal fiscal year 2024



# Medicaid Exclusion List

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# Medicaid Exclusion List



- In July 2023, the Texas Education Agency issued an email regarding (SHARS) back to school policy options and reminders.
- The email reminded SHARS participating districts that each local education agency (LEA) is responsible for making sure that individuals or groups that are listed on the [Office of Inspector General \(OIG\) Exclusion List](#) do not participate in the SHARS program.
- If an LEA submits claims on behalf of an individual or group on the exclusion list, it may be penalized by the OIG.



# Local Funds Monitoring

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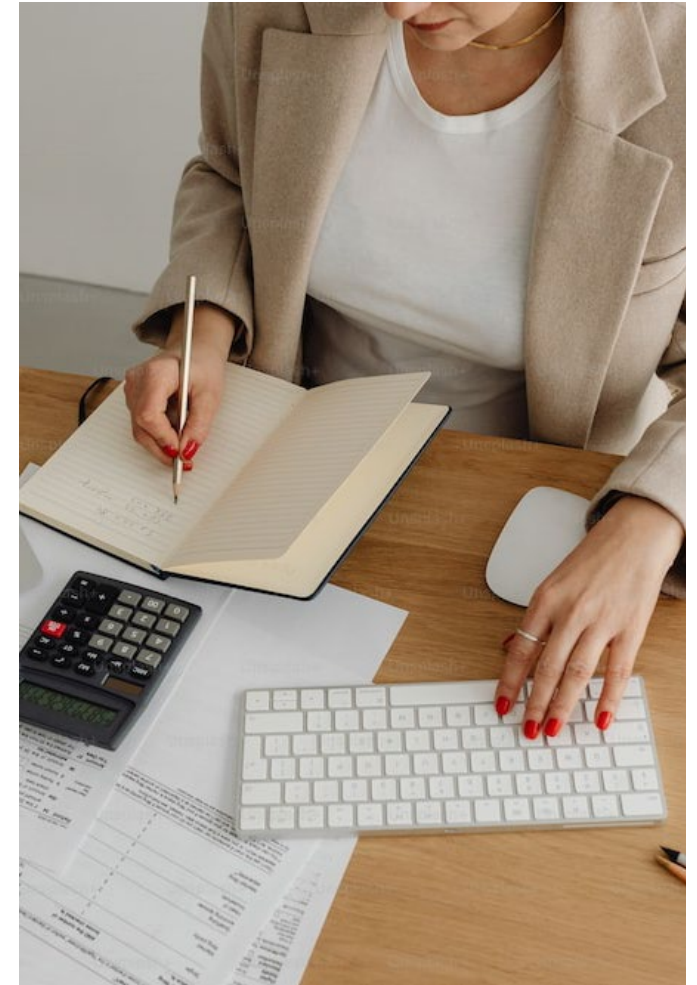
# Local Funds Monitoring

- This summer, LEAs were notified of a new Provider Finance Department monitoring requirement known as [Local Funds Monitoring](#) (LFM).
- Purpose of LFM program is to verify the sources of the non-federal share of Medicaid payments.
- Districts that have been contacted by the LFM team were asked to provide at minimum two contacts. (One to enter data, the other to certify the information provided.)



# Local Funds Monitoring

- Contacts will be meeting with the LFM team later this month.
- Based on previous meetings, districts will most likely be asked to provide funding information in the form of bank statements or some other proof of revenue received.
- As more information is made available, TASB will be share with you.



# New School-Based Medicaid Guide

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# New School-Based Medicaid Guide

- In May 2023, CMS released its much-awaited [Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Claiming](#).
- Heavily focuses on flexibilities states can adopt to make their school-based Medicaid program easier to participate in.
- Encourages states to expand reimbursable services to include Medicaid services provided to students that do not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP).



# Parental Consent / Time Study

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# Parental Consent / Time Study

## Parental Consent

- Districts must provide written parental notification prior to requesting consent and accessing benefits for the first time and annually thereafter
- Consent must be obtained, in writing, prior to accessing a child's or parent's public benefits/insurance for the first time
- Districts may not include students in their SHARS Cost Report ratios until they have obtained parental consent for those students

## Random Moment Time Study

- Training requirements being strictly enforced
- [FFY 2024 RMTS Training Schedule](#)
- Fourth quarter (July – September) time study being implemented for FFY 2024



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## SHARS Amidst COVID-19

All of us have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in some way, shape, or form. Even the School Health and Related Services (SHARS) program has been temporarily modified to accommodate for the changes school districts have had to implement to ensure the health and safety of their students and communities. Throughout the ongoing global pandemic, we have remained in constant contact with state and federal agencies to stay informed of all the latest



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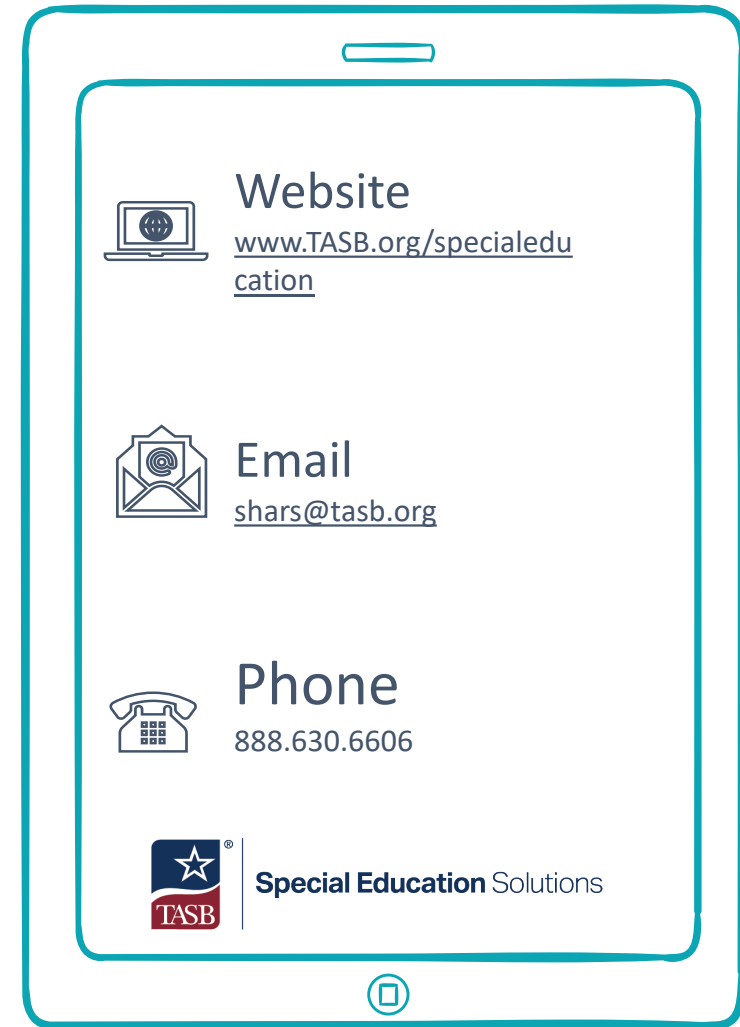


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