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Dear Parents:

Prior to January 1, 1997, Medicaid could be billed on a "fee for service" basis for therapies, such as speech, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, provided in schools. As of January 1, 1997, these services are billed at a "bundled rate", which is basically an average cost to provide services to children. With certain primary exceptionalities, all Medicaid eligible children on IEPs are included in this "bundling" except for gifted or developmentally delayed (0-3 years) students. (Developmentally delayed students are still billed on a "fee for service" basis.)

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is a Medicaid provider. This means that if your child has a Medicaid card and is on an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan), the service center can bill Medicaid for part of the cost of providing services.

All information requested for Medicaid billing is considered protected health information under HIPAA rules. The Medicaid billing will not interfere with your insurance benefits, and **you will never be charged for the therapy your child receives at school.** Medicaid monies provide much needed federal funds to offset costs of providing local special services for our schools to serve your children.

Please return the signed form as soon as possible to your child's special education service teacher. If you have questions concerning this program, please contact us at 1-800-821-9333.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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