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TO: Child Development Services Board Chairs,  
State Level Advisory Committee Members, and  
Regional Site Directors

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RE: Medically Necessary Services During School Breaks

For all providers of MaineCare “medically necessary” services to children ages 3-5 who provide those services in either CDS or private preschool facilities:

MaineCare may be billed for “medically necessary” services provided during school/program breaks per the CDS program calendar pursuant to a child’s MaineCare services plan even when a child is not receiving services pursuant to an IEP or IFSP. A “medically necessary” service is any service that is “necessary to correct or ameliorate a physical or mental condition and otherwise meets the definition of “medically necessary” in Chapter 1 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual, s. 1.02-4(d).

CDS and private provider sites may be unavailable during these breaks (e.g. the periods during the CDS program/calendar year that CDS Part B (Section 619) children do not receive services in November, December, February, April, June and August).