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MEMORANDUM NO. 2022–082

- TO: School District Superintendents WISE Coordinators Special Education Directors Principals Business Managers
- FROM: Trent Carroll, Chief Operations Officer
- **DATE:** June 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Required Collection of Medicaid Eligibility Data

DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED TO COLLECT MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY STATUS OF IDEA STUDENTS IN THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

Wyoming statute 21-13-321(j) requires school districts to report the Medicaid eligibility status of students who receive special education services beginning in the 2022-23 school year.

Districts that enroll in the Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) program through the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) will be able to verify the Medicaid eligibility status of their students through WDH resources. The WDH is unable to share this data with districts not enrolled in the SBS program due to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). Districts not enrolled in the SBS program are required to collect the Medicaid eligibility status of their special education students from parents in any manner they choose.

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) has worked with special education student information system providers to add a *Medicaid Eligibility* field to student records and districts will be required to report Y (Yes) or N (No) for each IDEA student. The Medicaid eligibility data will flow to the WDE on the WDE684 data collection at the regular reporting intervals throughout the year.

For more information about the WDE684, contact April Strong, Records & Data Management Analyst, at 307-777-8751 or april.strong@wyo.gov.