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Dear School Leaders:

The Executive Office of Education and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education are partnering with MassHealth to spread the word about well-child and behavioral health services available through MassHealth and to set the stage for future conversations and collaborations regarding implementation of the remedy in *Rosie D. v Romney*.

MassHealth pays for "well-child" visits (except for members with MassHealth Limited) for children and young adults under the age of 21. MassHealth also covers behavioral health (mental health and substance abuse) services for children and young adults under the age of 21. The first phase of the remedy, implemented in December 2007, improves the process of screening children for behavioral health issues, as part of their primary care well-child visits. Subsequent phases of the remedy will enhance standardized assessments provided by behavioral health providers, and will cover several new behavioral health services for MassHealth Standard and MassHealth CommonHealth members under the age of 21.

Below, we have included links to fact sheets about MassHealth services in three languages.

The fact sheet includes:

- Information about the importance of well-child visits covered by MassHealth, and about how to find a primary-care doctor or nurse to provide well-child visits for children with MassHealth coverage;
- A description of a new requirement that primary care providers must offer to conduct behavioral health screenings using standardized screenings tools during well-child visits;

- Information about follow-up assessment for behavioral health issues after well-child visits;
- Behavioral health services available now for MassHealth members under 21, and behavioral health services that will be available in the future to members under the age of 21 who have MassHealth Standard or MassHealth CommonHealth;
- Information about how to apply for MassHealth; and
- Contact information for families who are enrolled in MassHealth to get more information.

Fact Sheet Links...

English Fact Sheet: <http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/masshealth/provlibrary/epsdt-cbh-fs2.pdf>

Spanish Fact Sheet: <http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/masshealth/provlibrary/epsdt-cbh-fs2-sp.pdf>


Portuguese Fact Sheet: <http://www.mass.gov/Eeohhs2/docs/masshealth/provlibrary/epsdt-cbh-fs2-b-por.pdf>

What You Can Do Now...

- Familiarize yourself with the information in the fact sheet;
- Share this information with your colleagues and the families with whom you work.
- Over the next several months, particularly at the start of the new school year, please watch for additional information about the Rosie D. remedies and how we will all be working together to ensure the best possible care and services for children and youth.

On behalf of MassHealth, the Executive Office of Education and ESE, we thank you for your assistance and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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