

Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for Service Providers

Audience:

District and/or contracted direct service providers

Prerequisites:

Be able to identify your district SEMI Coordinator



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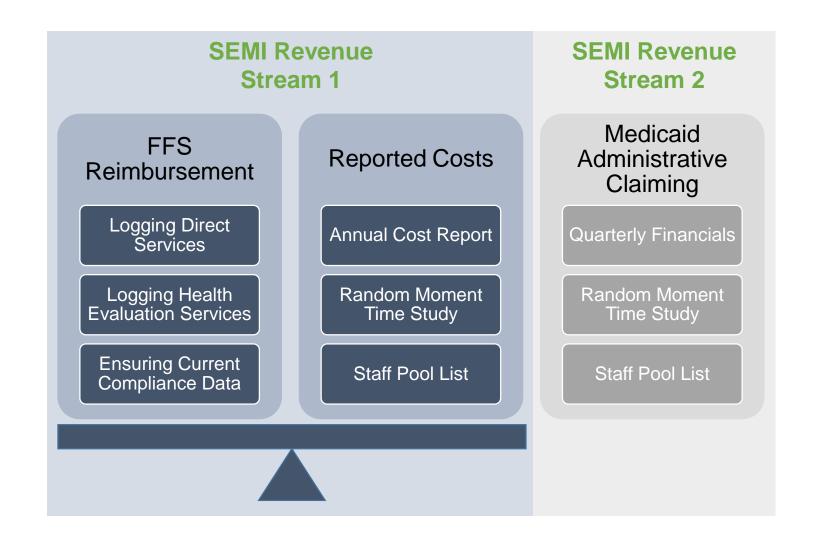
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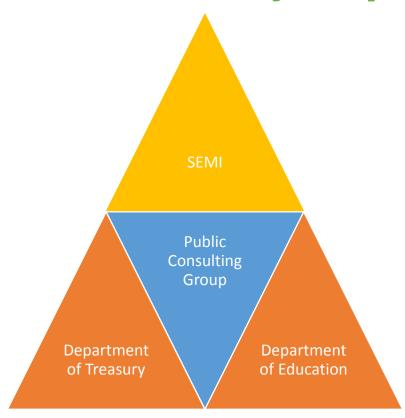
SEMI stands for Special
Education Medicaid
Initiative and is a
school-based Medicaid
reimbursement
program, which allows
districts to obtain
federal reimbursement
for the actual costs of
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covered services



SEMI Program Components



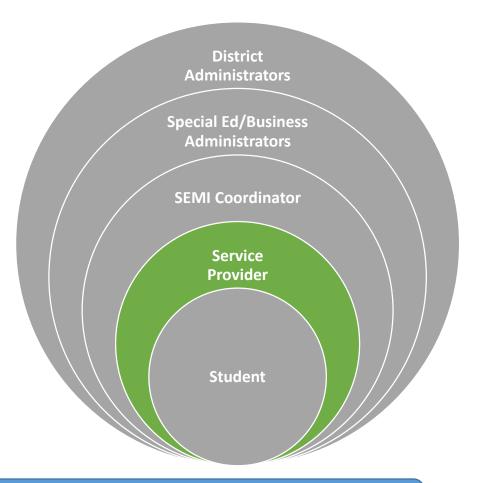
SEMI Support Within New Jersey



- SEMI is supported by the Department of Treasury and the Department of Education
- With guidance from the State, PCG works with districts throughout New Jersey to implement the program

Support Within Your District

- To optimize reimbursement, all district staff are invested in working collaboratively
- The SEMI Coordinator is the liaison for all district stakeholders and works with those involved to coordinate staff around deadlines and requirements
 - As a result, service providers will be contacted throughout the year for the following items
 - Copies of certification and/or current license
 - Valid email address
 - Deadline reminders
- Communication is key to your district's success
 - Requests/reminders between all stakeholders should be responded to in a timely manner



The SEMI Coordinator is a direct resource available to the service provider!

My Role in MAC/Cost Settlement

Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)

- The RMTS surveys are used to calculate the percentage of time that staff are engaged in Medicaid-reimbursable activities
 - Statewide percentage is applied to all MAC and cost settlement calculations to determine district Medicaid reimbursement

Provider Responsibilities with RMTS:

Be Proactive!

- Report any email address changes to SEMI Coordinator
- ✓ Check email for RMTS

RMTS Actions

- ✓ Complete survey after the moment has passed
- ✓ Alert SEMI Coordinator with questions

Resources Available

✓ Review "RMTS Overview" document

Random Moment Time Study Questions

- Were you working during your sampled moment?
- 2. Who was with you?
- 3. Why were you doing this activity?
- 4. Is this activity regarding a special education student?
- 5. Is this service a part of the student's IEP?



For more information on eligible services, please refer to the Service Provider Manual on the EdPlan Home page

Health Evaluation Services

- Logging an IEP meeting signifies that the testing, assessments, observations etc. have been completed
- The following types of health evaluation services are reimbursable:
 - Initial Eligibility Determinations
 - Annual Reviews
 - Reevaluations
 - Revisions/Amendments with a Change in Related Services

Action Items!

- Log each eligible health evaluation service using the IEP meeting date IF you were present at the meeting
- Develop procedures to ensure that meetings are logged shortly after they are held.
- Run the "IEP/Evaluations to be Logged" report frequently to see student for whom a service may need to be logged

Direct Services

- To log services, the student must have one of the related service below prescribed in their IEP:
 - Audiology
 - Counseling
 - Nursing
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Speech Therapy
 - Specialized Transportation

Action Items!

- Be aware of quarterly submission deadlines
 - Set up a schedule to make sure all services get entered in a timely manner
- If a supervisor, review Service Log Approval Wizard and either approve/deny service logs regularly
- If you are referring the student for services, ensure that you clearly outline recommended frequency and duration



Compliance Data

Provider Certification

- Providers must have valid certification to allow services to be eligible for reimbursement
- You are responsible for providing SEMI Coordinators with a copy of your license and/or certification

Action Item!

✓ Be proactive: when you receive an updated certification and/or license, provide a copy to your SEMI Coordinator

Parent Consent

- Parental consent is required for Medicaid reimbursement
- Often, service providers are in the best position to obtain parent consent, even though SEMI coordinators may also be involved in obtaining consent

Action Items!

- ✓ Review SEMI Provider Handbook
- Bring previously signed form to parent meetings
- Provide parents with Medicaid Support Letter
- ✓ Utilize translated versions of Parent Consent

Review the Parental Consent Best Practices document found on the main page of EdPlan

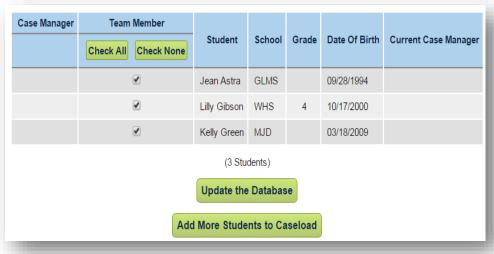
New Logging Wizards

Transition to In-site Demonstration

Service Documentation – Caseload Setup

- Before logging services, providers need to first set up their caseload
- Through the Wizards tab, providers can access the Caseload Setup Wizard
 - To add students to your caseload select the Add More Students to Caseload tab
 - To remove students un check the box next to their name then select Update the Database button

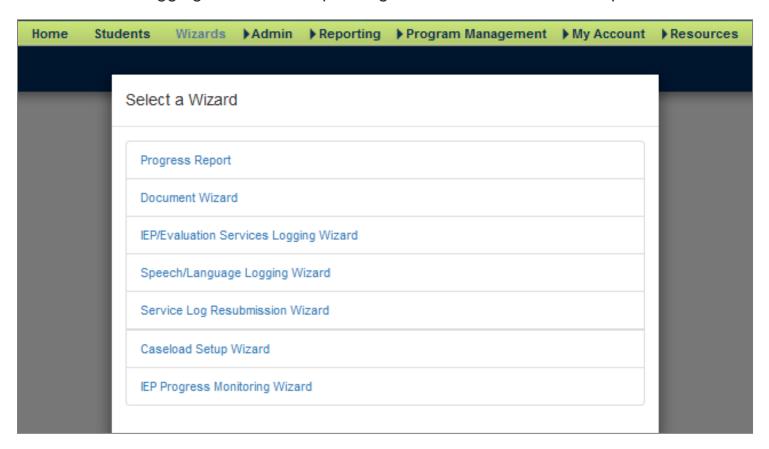




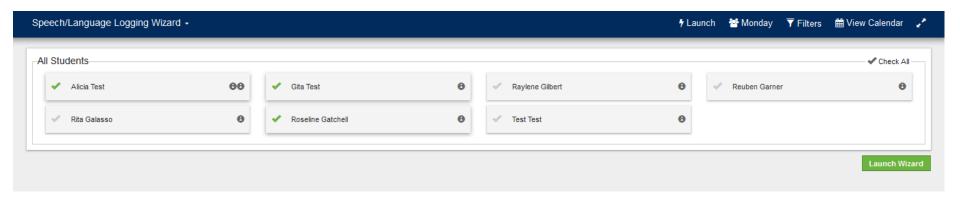


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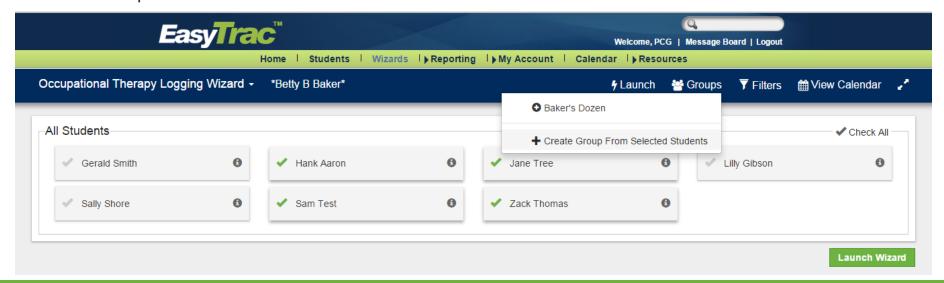
- Once the caseload is set up, providers can return to the Wizards tab and choose a Logging Wizard
- There will be a Logging Wizard corresponding to the direct service of the provider

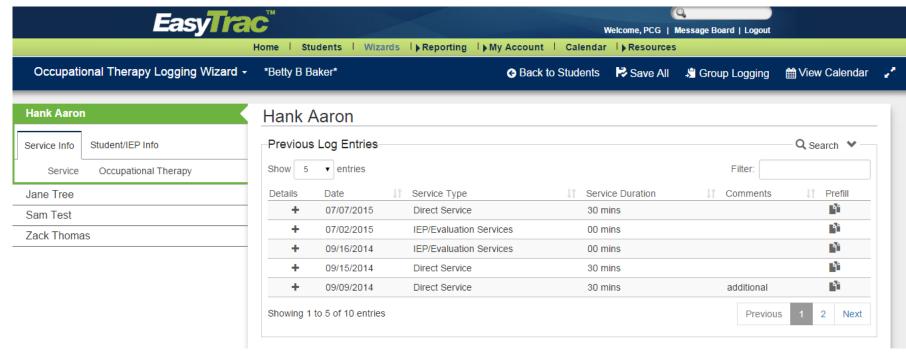


Select the students by select each Student Tile.



• To create a group of students, select multiple Student Tiles, click "Groups", and select "Create Group from selected students".





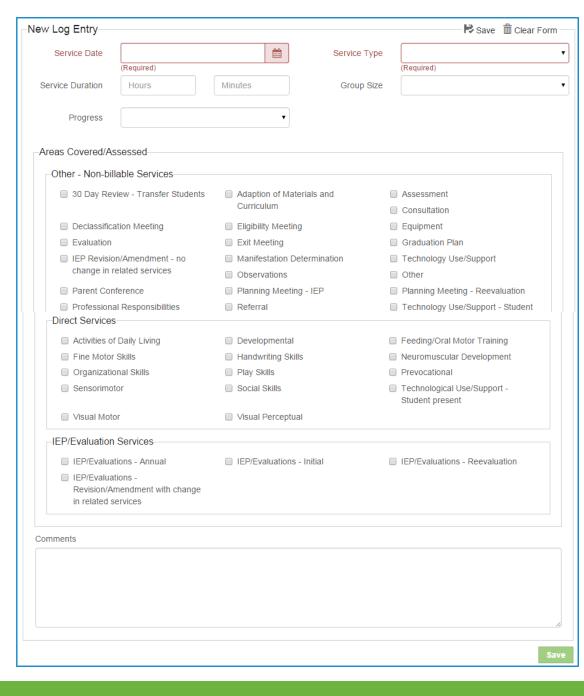
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- Quickly click between selected students to log.
- Click "Student/IEP Info" to view more information about each student.

Previous Log Entries:

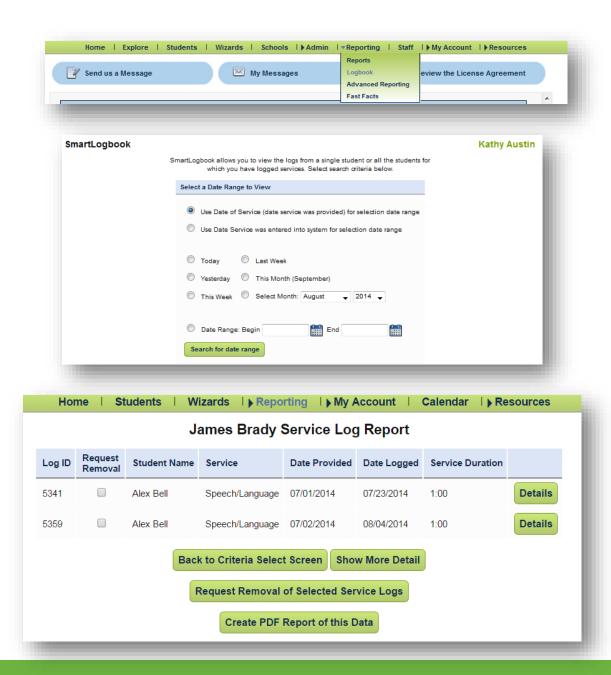
- To view past entries, click "Search" to view by date or scroll through display
- Click "+" to view more log information or delete a previous log entry
- Click "Prefill" to quickly insert information from an old log into a new form

- After clicking "Launch", you will then enter in the specifics of the service
 - Direct Services require:
 - Date of service
 - Service type
 - Duration
 - Group size
 - Progress
 - Areas covered/assessed
 - Health Evaluation Services require:
 - Date of service
 - Service type
 - Type of meeting from areas covered/assessed



Service Documentation – Service Log Deletions and Review

- Completed via Logbook, found under the Reporting tab; or through Logging Wizard
- First, choose the date criteria select the appropriate student or group of students
- Next, check the box in the Request Removal column for the service that needs to be removed
- Then, click Request Removal of Selected Service Logs button
- Finally, the provider will select "Yes remove the logs" and indicate reason for deletion



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EdPlan Help Desk

njsemi@pcgus.com (609) 275-0250 ext. 0 In-site Message Board

Resources

SEMI Manuals

 Review specific site functionality and step-by-step instructions for navigating EdPlan complete with screen shots

Online Training Schedule

 Attend live SEMI trainings online, free of cost

Home page of EdPlan sites

✓ The Home page of EdPlan is updated regularly by the EdPlan team, as well as district administration



