Transition Update

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- **Designee for Transition and Employment**
  - Districts should enter their designee contact information into the portal on the Legal Framework site by September 1, 2014.
  - Training guidelines for the designee are being developed and will be shared with stakeholders for input/feedback. Guidelines will be disseminated in the spring of 2015.

- **Texas Transition and Employment Guide**
  - The date for posting the guide has been extended to the end of October.
  - A third stakeholder meeting has been scheduled for September.
Residential Application Update

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LEAs should keep original documents
Contracts may be for an 11 month period
Contracts which extend past the end of the funding period (July 31, 2015)
  • The contract may be used for the 2014-2015 funding period (August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015)
  • The application for approval of funds should reflect only placement dates within the funding period (August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015)
  • The following should be adjusted to reflect only those services provided within the funding period (August 1, 2014 – July 31, 2015)
    - educational services
    - related, speech, supplemental, and support services
    - residential services provided

SHARS Update

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For Medicaid purposes, a school district’s use of electronic records and signatures for SHARS is permissible. As long as the records are accessible to an investigator or auditor and can be reviewed as needed, maintaining the records in electronic format is acceptable from the perspective of documentation adequacy or other audit issues related to Medicaid. Each school district should determine at its own risk what standards are consistent with state and federal electronic requirements.

- SHARS providers must recognize the potential for misuse or abuse.

- SHARS providers must apply relevant administrative procedures, standards, and law.

- SHARS providers must ensure system and software products are protected.

- The individual whose name is on the alternate signature method and the provider bears the responsibility for the authenticity of the information attested to in the record.

- SHARS providers must check with their respective legal counsel regarding alternative signature methods and associated legal concerns.
SHARS Update

- September 15th is the deadline to enroll as a Medicaid provider.

- SHARS compliance reviews will now require copies of the notice and consent for accessing the child’s or the parent’s public benefits or insurance.