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Dear Parent/Caregiver:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know about the **Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)** program. Your child may be receiving special education services in school such as speech therapy, occupational therapy or physical therapy under SEMI.

Here are three things you should know about SEMI:

1. Your school district may be eligible to receive federal money through the SEMI program which helps to pay for special education services.
2. A school district may receive SEMI money only if a consent form is signed by the parent/caregiver.
3. Signing the consent form will have no effect on your child's Medicaid health coverage for services outside of school.

If you do not sign the consent form, it will not affect the services your child receives in school since the district is required to provide a free and appropriate public education, including all services listed in your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

The SEMI program is an important source of funding for the school districts. We appreciate your assistance in this program and hope that you will consider the importance of signing the parent consent form and submitting it to your district.

Please feel free to contact your district's special education department if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Langer Jacobs
Assistant Commissioner