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reimburse schools for administrative outreach services they currently perform. It would apply to those administrative outreach services that do not receive reimbursement under the administrative component of our current reimbursement rate structure. In this way, the current rate structure and billing system is kept intact, and the funding streams for what is currently being provided are protected. The element of our statewide billing system that establishes reimbursement rates for schools and ESUs for providing for any of these three approved therapies, which are physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy, to Medicaid eligible students up to age 21 is commonly referred to as the MIPS, or Medicaid in Public Schools Program. Schools and ESUs providing special education and related services must participate in this statewide billing system. The statewide billing system began in 1991 as a pilot project and was established as a statewide system in 1993. One of the main purposes of the act which created the statewide billing system was to take full advantage of all fiscal resources, including access to federal Medicaid funds for related services. The MIPS Program utilizes federal money to reimburse schools for a portion of the administrative outreach they provide. This is accomplished through the reimbursement rate for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy, which include administrative cost components. This was done to help schools with the administrative costs of providing direct services to Medicaid eligible students. Schools, however, provide many other direct services, such as nursing, psychological and counseling services. There are a list of approximately 15 of such services that they do, and they include administrative cost components but are not reimbursed by our state MIPS Program. Other state MIPS Programs reimburse schools for several other direct services other than the three reimbursed under our program, but to do this it would require a General Fund impact. In addition, schools perform administrative outreach services that are not necessarily connected to providing direct services. Example of these, but not limited to: one, informing eligible or potential eligible students about Medicaid and how to access it; two, describing the range of services covered by Medicaid and how to obtain Medicaid preventative services; three, coordinating and monitoring the delivery of mental health services; and, four, coordination with other providers. These services may be