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1. Urgent Medicare Alert- Please Call Your Senators ASAP

The U.S. Senate, starting this morning and continuing into tomorrow, is about to consider an amendment that would end -- on June 30 -- your ability and that of your school districts to receive Medicaid reimbursement for the transportation and administrative services you provide for Medicaid-eligible children.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has already issued a regulation to cut off these payments. However Congress has placed a moratorium to stop that rule, but only until June 30. The Medicaid amendment, authored by U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, would prevent the extension of the moratorium.

Please call both of your U.S. Senators (202-224-3121 is the Capitol switchboard) as soon as possible and tell their budget aides:

"I want to urge the senator to vote against the Grassley Medicaid amendment to the budget resolution. His amendment would end the reimbursement payments to school districts for services we provide to Medicaid-eligible children. This is vital to our school district's operation.

Thank you for your help on this urgent matter.

2. AESA News

Call for Presentations

AESA invites you to submit a proposal to present at the AESA Annual Conference. Lead a session on one of the following strands, centered on the theme: ***Preparing Students...Delivering Success***

Demonstrating Results

Focuses on governance strategies for ESA board members, CEO's and personnel that will enhance their agency. Entrepreneurship, improving staff quality, leadership skills development and policy will also be profiled through this strand.

Delivering Success

Profiles best practices, successful strategies, model services online/distance learning, telecommuting, next generation workforce, funding and public/private business models.

Technology: Transforming Learning

Focuses on successful uses of technology resulting in direct benefits to ESAs, local school districts and student performance.

Tools for Collaboration

Offers sessions to build common agendas, enhance communication, marketing and public relations, and strengthen collaboration with businesses, schools, state and federal agencies and institutions of higher education.

Measuring Success

Provides opportunities to build accountability and evaluate programs/services, meet standards and increase student performance, strengthen educational practices and professional development.

Proposals will be accepted through our convenient online form until May 1, 2008. Please see the [AESA website](#) for more information.

3. From our Business Partners

TransACT® launches Section 504 Compliance Collection|

TransACT, an AESA Business Partner, is launching a Section 504 Compliance Collection that includes not only parent notices and forms, but integrates those documents into its new web-based ActPoint Roadmap application for clear, consistent decision-making and immediate access to all federal regulations and documents.

Focusing exclusively on the K-12 education market since 1994, TransACT serves Educational Service Agencies, school districts, and State Departments of Education primarily through its multilingual parent notifications for Titles I, III, IX, X, IDEA 2004, and OCR.

In launching the Section 504 Compliance Collection, TransACT has also announced it will provide a special pricing for Educational Service Agencies through May 31. For more information on pricing and an on-line demonstration, send an email to sales@transact.com and in the subject line put: AESA Section 504.

More information about TransACT is available from its hot link on the AESA Business Partners website or directly at: www.transact.com . You may also link directly to TransACT's ActPoint application at: www.actpoint.com .