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To Superintendents and MAC Financial Contacts

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

New Data Use Agreement

Medicaid Administrative Claiming – Independent School Districts

**Action Required by November 21, 2014**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will require all school districts that participate in the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) program to submit a Data Use Agreement (DUA) and an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA) amendment by November 21, 2014. Districts that do not submit the new DUA and ICA amendment by the deadline will have their contracts terminated and thus will not be allowed to participate in the MAC program. Districts will be required to re-contract with HHSC if they wish to return to the program once they have been terminated.

The previously required Business Associate Agreement (BAA) will no longer be in use by HHSC, effective September 22, 2014. The DUA that replaces it more closely adheres to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) requirements. Both documents and instructions on how to complete the forms are available at the website listed below.

<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/rad/mac/isd-mac.shtml>

If you have any questions, please contact the HHSC MAC Unit at [MAC@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:MAC@hhsc.state.tx.us) or at (512) 462-6200.