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ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM #21-06

To: CPMT Chairs

CSA Coordinators CSA Fiscal Agents

From: Scott Reiner, Executive Director

Date: April 30, 2021

Subject: Restriction on Use of CSA Funds – Unlicensed Private Educational Programs

Subsequent to changes in Section 2.2-5211 of the Code of Virginia made by the General Assembly in the 2021 Session (HB2117 and SB1313), CSA state pool fund reimbursements will no longer be available for private educational programs that <u>do not hold a valid license</u> issued by the Virginia Board of Education or an equivalent out-of-state licensing agency. This restriction will take effect with services provided on or after July 1, 2021.

The following is the specific language from the Code (italics reflect changes effective 7/1/21):

§ 2.2-5211. State pool of funds for community policy and management teams.

A. There is established a state pool of funds to be allocated to community policy and management teams in accordance with the appropriation act and appropriate state regulations. These funds, as made available by the General Assembly, shall be expended for public or private nonresidential or residential services for troubled youths and families. However, funds for private special education services shall only be expended on private educational programs that are licensed by the Board of Education or an equivalent out-of-state licensing agency.

This change in the Code does not provide for any exceptions.

Thank you for your attention to this change in state law. Please reach out to my office should you have any questions.