Encounter Attendance for Special Education Recovery Services Updates

Please review the information below and take appropriate action:

Guidance on Special Education Recovery Services (SERS) for Encounter Attendance: Please note that paraprofessionals assigned to work with one or more student(s) indicated on the SERS plan must record only the first student encounter in SESIS. Programmatic paraprofessionals are not required to enter encounters for small group instructional support provided during SERS. Additionally, note that instructional interventions (Small Group Instruction and Intensive Small Group Intervention) provided as part of SERS are not recorded in SESIS.

Webinar on Special Education Recovery Services for Encounter Attendance: You and your special education staff members who enter, or work, with SESIS Encounter Attendance (speech-language therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, hearing education services (HES) providers, vision education services (VES) providers, social workers, guidance counselors, paraprofessionals, and special education liaisons) are encouraged to attend one of the following webinars on completing the encounter-attendance service record for related services provided, as part of special education recovery services (SERS). Please review and share the following information for interested staff to register for a session:

- Register for a session from 1:00–2:00 p.m. on December 15;
- Register for a session from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on December 16; or
- Register for a session from 8:30–9:30 a.m. on December 21.

Note that a recorded version of the webinar will be available for DOE-providers on the Special Education Guidance page after December 21; non-DOE providers can access the same recorded webinar on the SESIS Related Service Providers page, also after December 21. Additionally, a guide with instructions for completing the encounter attendance service record for special education recovery services is available for DOE providers on the Encounter Attendance (log in with DOE Outlook credentials). Non-DOE providers can access the guide on the SESIS Related Service Providers.
For questions, email your BCO administrator of special education (ASE).

Note that this message contains a program or initiative announced as part of the Academic Recovery Plan (ARP) by Mayor Bill de Blasio and Chancellor Meisha Porter on July 9.