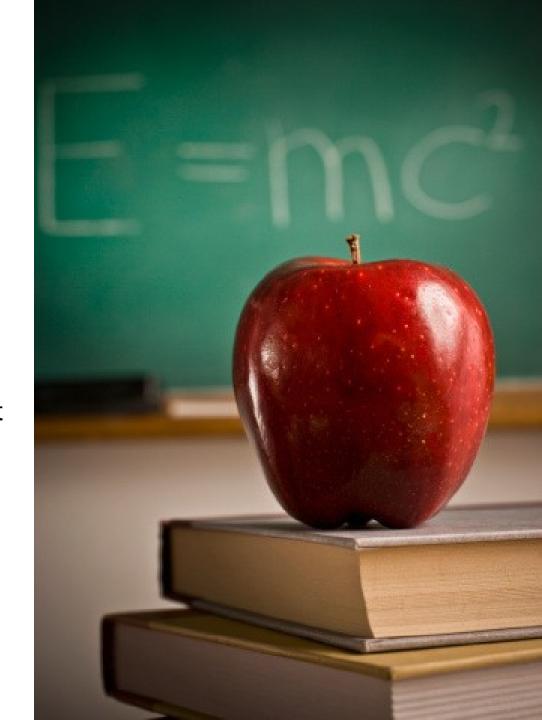
# Guide to Medicaid Reimbursement

Livonia Public Schools Special Education Department



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# Why This Guide?

Medicaid billing has become very important. However, we don't want the billing process to be a stressful event!



## Our Purpose

This guide gives you step-by-step directions for submitting reimbursement when providing health-related services and case management services for special-education certified, Medicaid eligible students

Hopefully, this guide will reduce the stress of the billing process!



#### Who Can Use This Guide

The following staff areas must report their services to Medicaid monthly for reimbursement:

Audiologists (Licensed)

Certified Occupational Therapy

**Assistants** 

Early Identification/Intervention

Personnel

RNs and LPNs

Occupational Therapists

Orientation and Mobility Specialists

Licensed Physical Therapists

Physical Therapy Assistants

**Psychiatrists** 

**Special Education Classroom** 

Teachers

**Teacher Consultants** 

Speech Pathologists

Personal Care Paraprofessionals

**Psychologists** 

**Social Workers** 

## Different Staff, Different Guidelines

While each staff area has different services that it can bill for, the basic steps or framework for billing are the same.

For specific information regarding Medicaid billing for your particular discipline, please see the link at the end of this presentation. This link will take you to the "tip sheet" for your particular discipline.



#### To Receive Reimbursement

For LPS to receive reimbursement under the provisions of the School Based Services (SBS) program, our services MUST:

- Be provided to a Medicaid eligible student under the age of 21
- Be provided to a student with an active IEP/IFSP, or
- •In the case of IDEA assessments (METs and IEPs), be provided to a student who will have an IEP/IFSP within one year
- •Be provided by a qualified practitioner based on SBS Policy
- Address a student's physical, mental or emotional disability
- •Be consistent with the intent of the IEP / IFSP identified services and planned goals

#### Services That Are NOT Reimbursed

#### Examples of services that are NOT Reimbursed:

- Practitioner travel to / from place of service
- IDEA assessments that do not result in implementation of an IEP /IFSP within 1 year
- Services provided to students who do not have an active IEP or IFSP
- Educational occupational, physical and speech therapies that are not medically related
- Vocational and work skills services
- Art, music and recreation therapies

#### Services That Are NOT Reimbursed

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- •Supplies or equipment utilized in service delivery that are included as part of the service and not reimbursed separately.
- Report writing related to an evaluation is not separately reimbursable
- •Administration of medications by staff other than an RN or LPN (under the direction of an RN)
- •Services considered observational or stand-by in nature, including "supervision" of medication administration or other medical services
- First Aid

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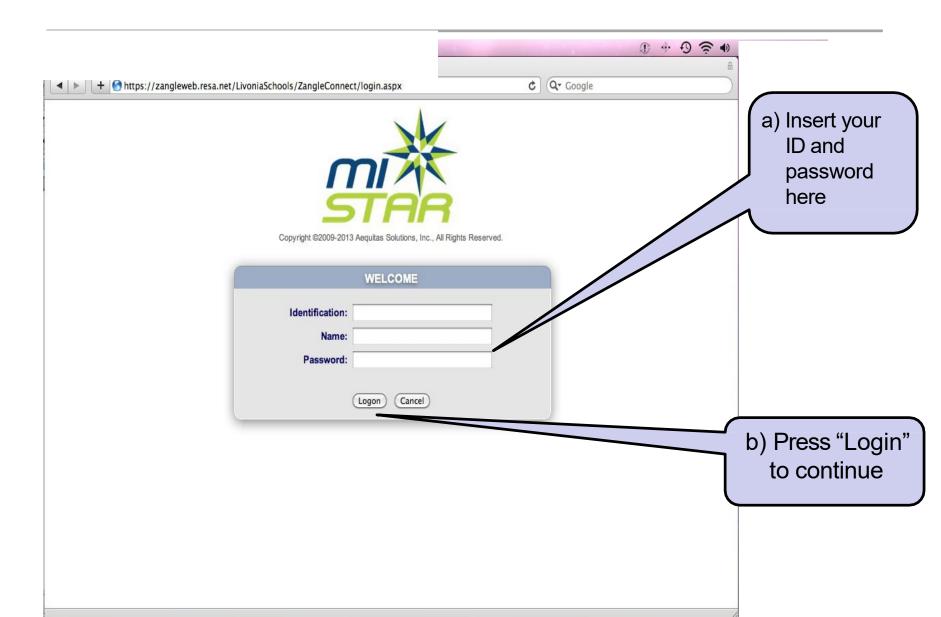
- •Consultations or consultative services are an integral part or an extension of a direct medical service and are not separately reimbursable
- •Manifestation Reviews are NOT billable. However, manifestation IEP's ARE reimbursable
- •Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS): Services for students with both CSHCS and Medicaid coverage are reimbursed by the Medicaid program. Services are not reimbursable for students enrolled only in the CSHCS program

# Step By Step Instructions

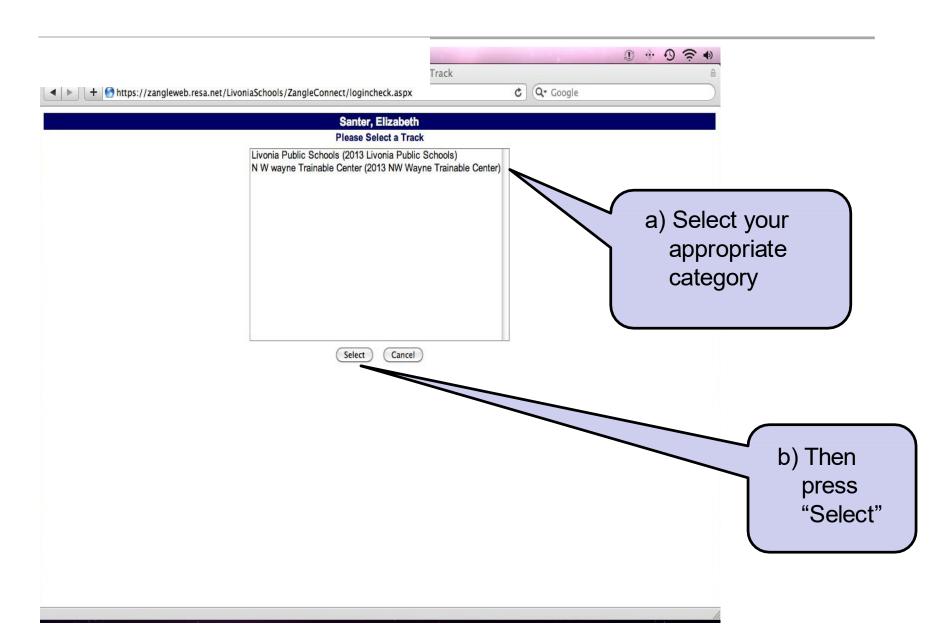
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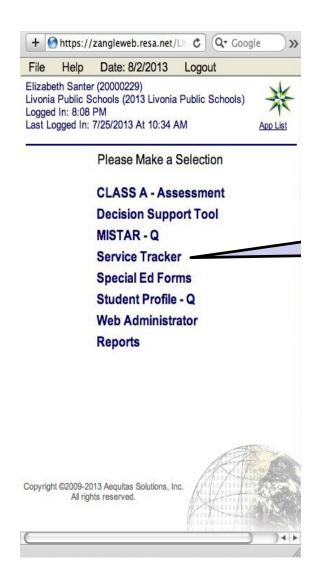
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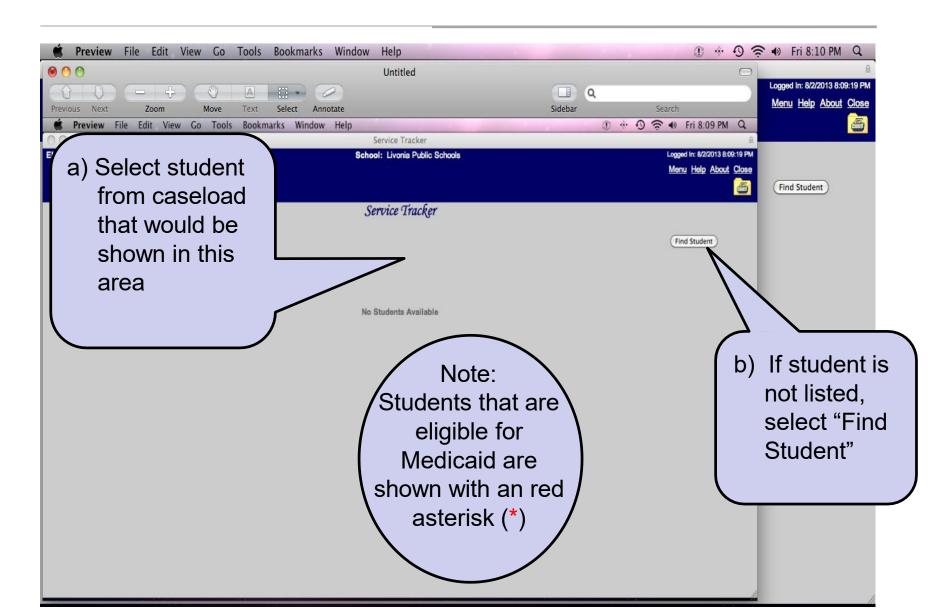
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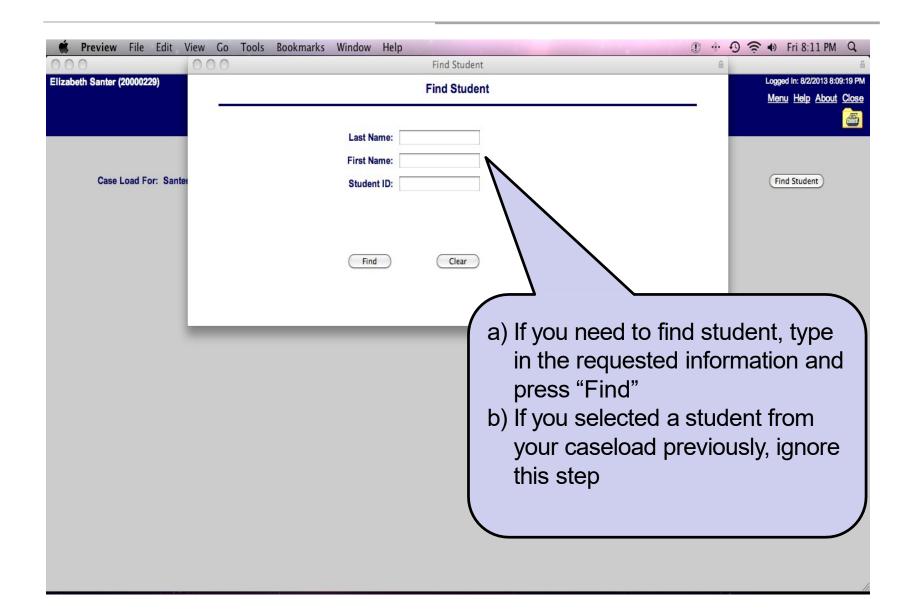
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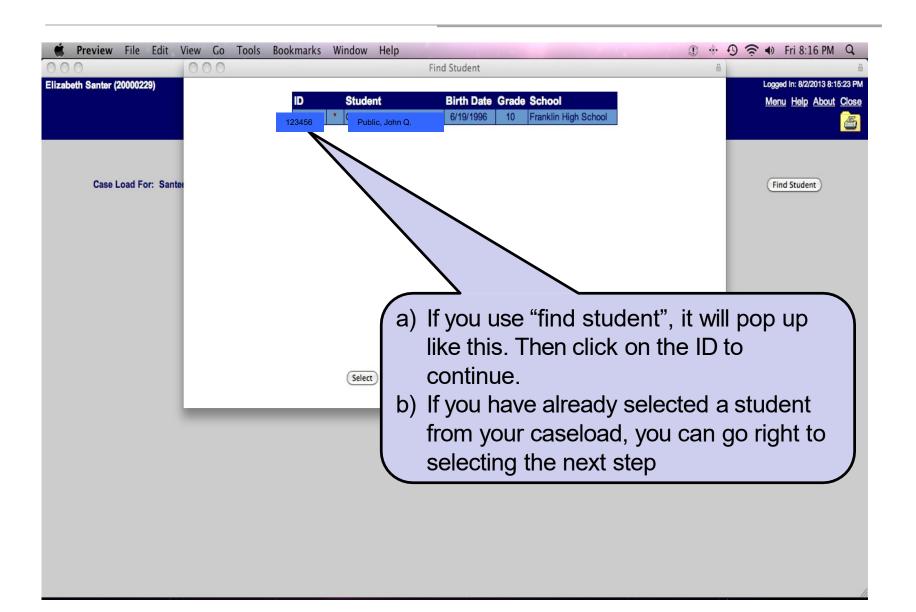
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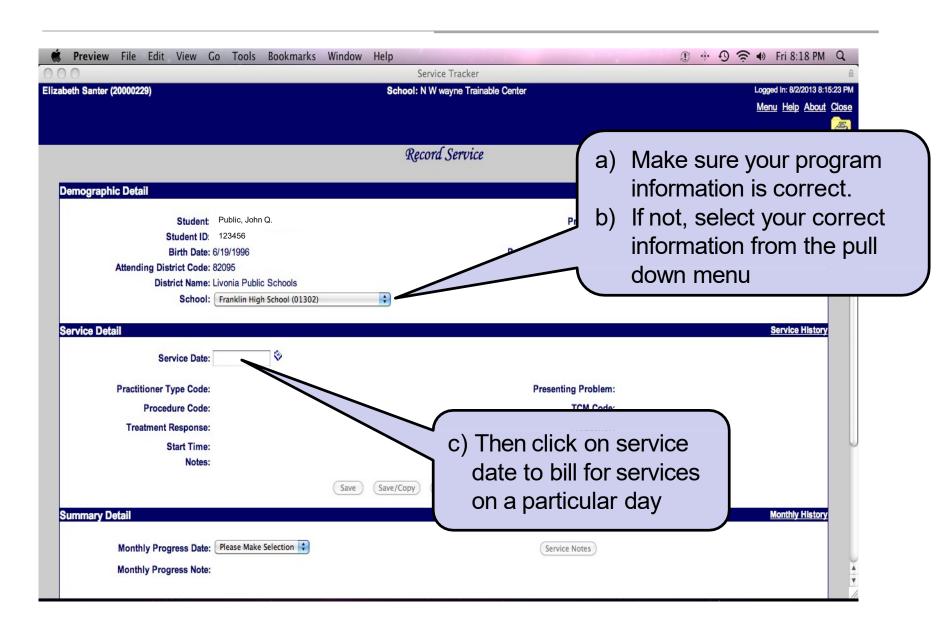
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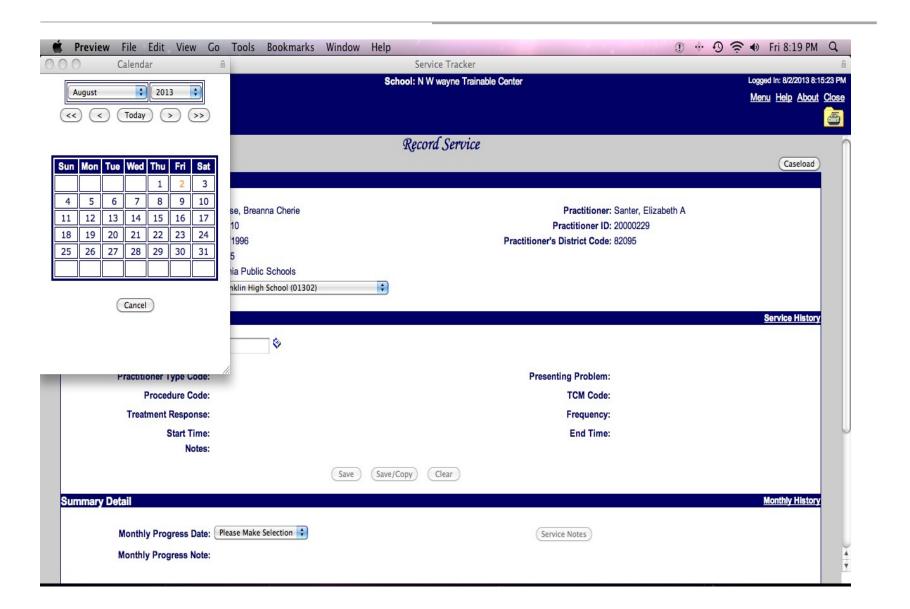
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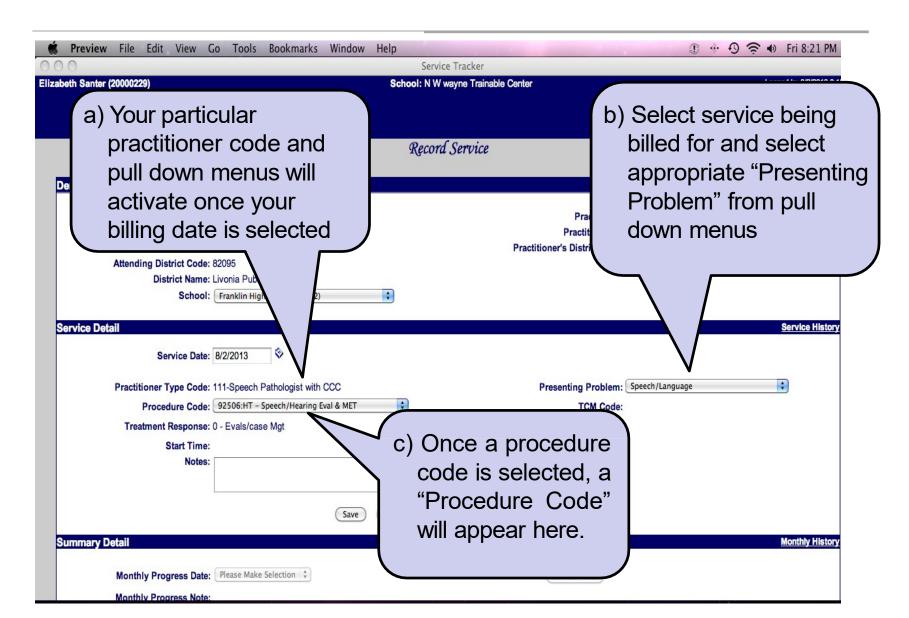
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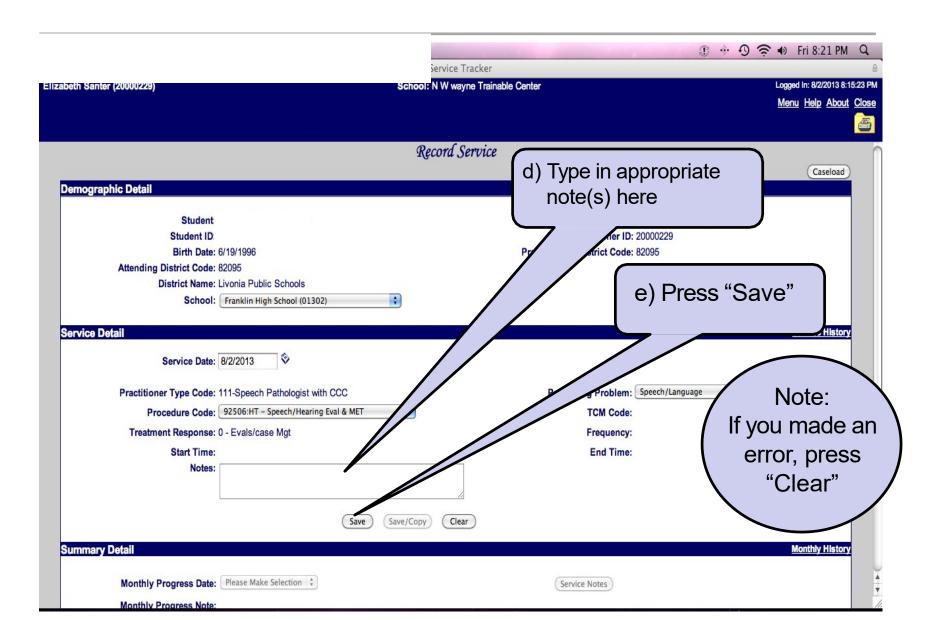
### Step 7: Select the Billing Date



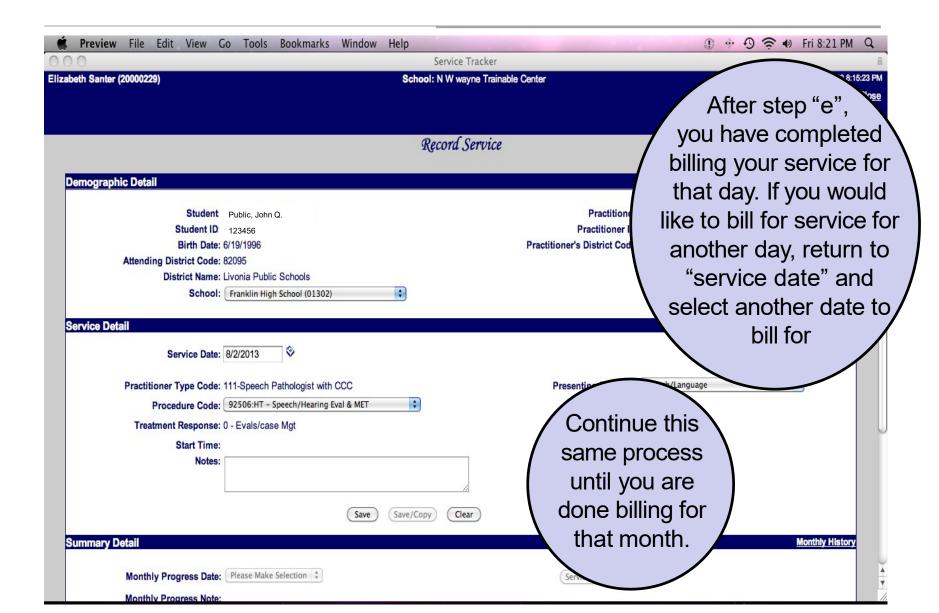
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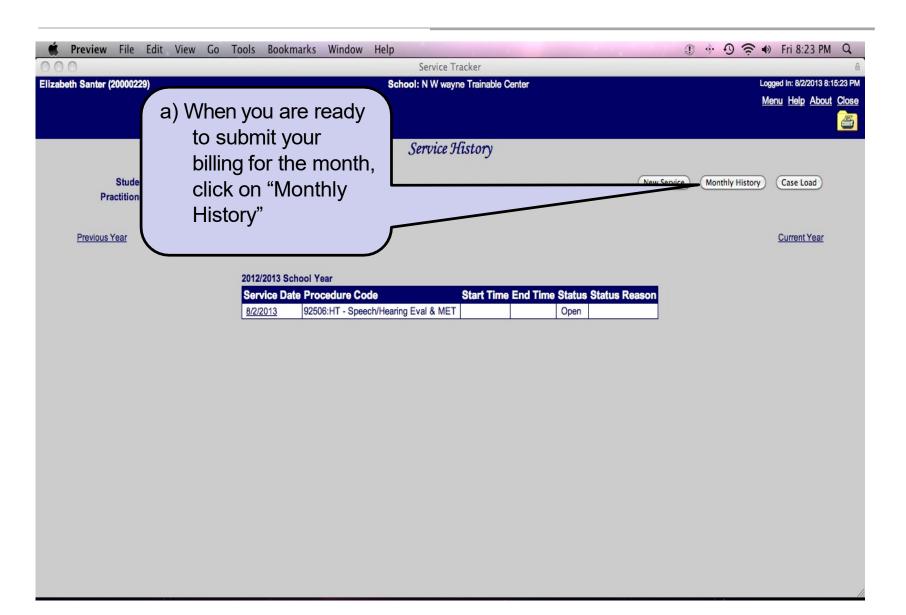
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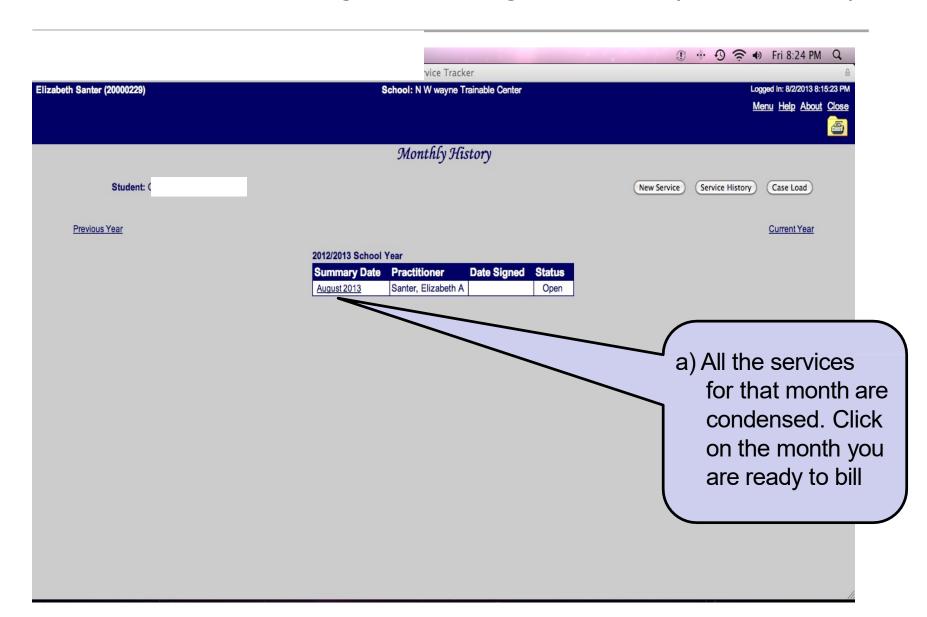
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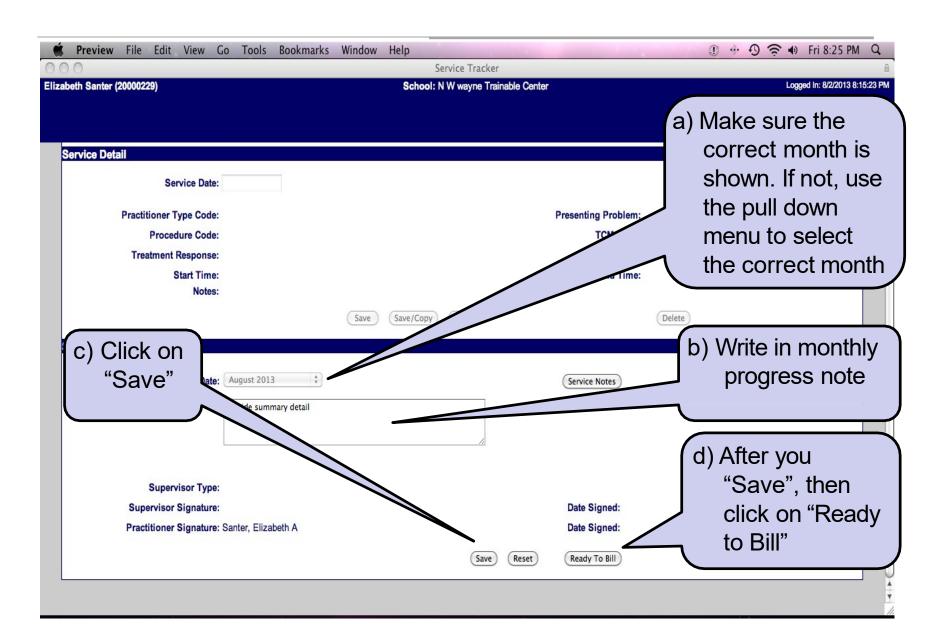
## Step 9: Completing the Billing Process



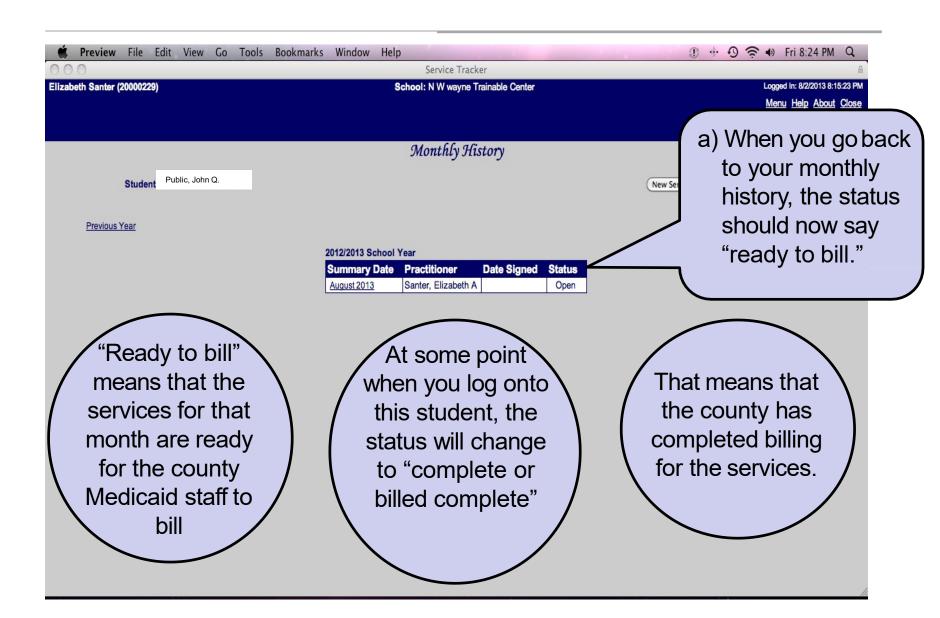
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## Step 10: Finishing Up



#### What About Mistakes?

It is important that if you have billed for services (clicked "Ready to Bill") and realize that you made an error, you will need to call Wayne County to report the error as soon as possible

The phone number is: (734) 334-1822

This number is also helpful when you need to report that a student needs to be added or deleted from your caseload or any other Medicaid questions



# What About Those Different Billing Guidelines?

The following link will take you to "tip sheets" of specific information regarding Medicaid billing for your particular discipline

To find your tip sheet for your individual staff area, please go to:

<a href="http://www.resa.net/services/med">http://www.resa.net/services/med</a> icaid/tipsheets/

Then click on the tip sheet most appropriate for your area



#### DO:

- •Make sure your MISTAR password is secure:
  - Use a combination of letters, numbers, upper and lowercase.
    Generic passwords ("staff", "teacher", "district name", "your name") are easy to guess and are NOT secure.
- Complete and submit services for billing on a monthly basis.
- Include a Daily progress note for all direct services (therapy and counseling). They are required to be entered in Service Track

#### DO:

- Use the current Tip Sheet for your Medicaid Practitioner Type (found at the end of this powerpoint) for guidance in recording services
- If you use a procedure code that does not require information in a field, you will not be able to enter data into that field. (Ex: group therapy does not require a start / end time, so you cannot enter start / end times for group codes)

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- •A Monthly Progress Note / Summary is required for each student for each month services have been recorded.
  - Make sure your notes are complete, as they are required for billing and must describe the student's actual progress for the month.
  - If the only services provided in a month were IEP / MET evaluations and team assessments, please indicate in the summary whether it was:
    - An initial evaluation, or
    - A one or three year re-evaluation

#### DON'T:

- •Do not refer to Tip Sheets for Practitioner Types other than your own or use more than one Practitioner Code
- •Do not record services such as testing and reports related to a MET or IEP separately from the MET or IEP itself
- •Do not report services delegated to non-Medicaid qualified staff (i.e., meds administered by school administrative staff).

#### DON'T:

- •If you do not provide a service on a scheduled date, or if time spent with a student on a particular date is not billable (due to absences, staff not available, service time less than the specified minimum, etc.), you may use the new UNBILLABLE procedure code if it is included in your drop down list.
  - If you do not have the UNBILLABLE code, absences, etc., these may be noted in the Monthly Progress Notes section the next month a service is rendered