

Parent Fact Sheet

School-based Medicaid Reimbursable Services

Why does the school district bill Medicaid for related services provided to my child?

- Section 300.154 (a)(1) of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires Medicaid to be primary to the U.S. Department of Education for the payment of the health-related services provided under IDEA. This means that schools are required to bill Medicaid for services provided to eligible Medicaid students prior to spending federal IDEA funds on services.

How will my child benefit from the school billing Medicaid?

- The reimbursement from Medicaid is used by the school to offset service costs, making more funds available for services your child may receive. Additionally, funds support other health-related expenditures, educational services, and programming for all students.

If the school bills Medicaid for services, will my child still be able to receive services outside of the school?

- Yes, however, the district will consider weekly Medicaid limits. To prevent any possible issues, it would be helpful for all service providers to coordinate their service plan of care.

Why am I asked for my permission to release personally identifiable information?

- The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires schools to obtain parental/guardian consent prior to releasing educational records that contain personally identifiable information. The information that is made available to Medicaid is minimal and only requested for eligibility and billing purposes.

Why am I asked for my permission to bill private insurance?

- Medicaid policy states private insurance must be billed prior to filing a Medicaid claim. In most cases, the private insurance company will deny the claim based on their own policies regarding school-based services. To meet federal guidelines for billing, the denial is still required prior to filing a claim with Medicaid.

What if I do not have private insurance, or I have it, but my child is not covered by it?

- Permission by the school is unnecessary, and “No” should be marked in the appropriate box on the [Consent to Release Personally Identifiable Information Form](#).

Who can I contact if I have any questions about how Medicaid is being billed in my school district?

Please contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Medicaid in the Schools Regional Program Advisor:

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