



Medicaid School-Based Services

Commission on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

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School-Based Services Overview

Federal Medicaid funds are available for school-based program activities deemed necessary for the proper and efficient administration of the Medicaid State Plan.

Delivering health care services in schools creates an opportunity to provide crucial care to children where they spend most of their time.

- Allows for states to bridge the gap between education and health care, thus supporting all eligible children to receive appropriate health care services.
- Access to school-based health care services has been shown to improve health and academic outcomes.

Medicaid Certified School Match

- Reimbursement for direct services provided to the student:
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech-Language Pathology
 - Behavioral/Mental Health
 - Nursing
 - Specialized Transportation



School District Administrative Claiming

- Reimbursement for administrative costs incurred *as a result of* providing direct services to students
 - Time spent making referrals
 - Coordinating and monitoring of health services
 - Interagency coordination
 - Referral of students/families for Medicaid eligibility determinations

These services are not direct health services like those billed under the Medicaid Certified School Match Program



Program Updates – Coverage Policy

- Design of a School-Based Services Coverage Policy to update the current Coverage and Limitations Handbook
 - Free Care
 - Charter and Private Schools
 - Telehealth
 - Expanded services to include Audiology and services by Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioners and Certified Nursing Assistants
 - Updated Mental Health Provider qualifications
 - Clarified coverage of testing, assessments and evaluations
 - Crisis intervention

Program Updates - Reimbursement

- Design of a new reimbursement methodology to replace current fee-for-service reimbursement
 - Cost reconciliation and settlement
- Updates based on feedback
 - One cost pool
 - Extended cost report submission
 - Technical edits
 - Per Child Per Month to Quarterly Interim Payment

What's Next

- Formal Rulemaking
- Submission of a State Plan Amendment and supporting documentation for federal approval
- Tailored engagement with stakeholders
 - Quarterly meetings
- Support Implementation Readiness
 - Focused trainings and webinars
- Dedicated School-Based Services Webpage
- Direct Staff Access
- State Agency Coordination



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