

Do school districts need Parental consent to receive Medicaid reimbursements?

- Yes. Special Education law requires your one time consent on file
- Your student's IEP case manager will provide the document for your to sign
- Annually a Notification of Access to Benefits will be distributed to parents

My child is not eligible for Medicaid. Do I still need to sign the consent?

- Yes. Your consent will be on file should your student become Medicaid eligible

Will my school bill my private insurance?

- No. Private insurance companies do not pay for IEP health services



For more information about this program contact:

Colorado Department of Education

www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/medicaid.asp

CDE Medicaid Senior Consultant

303-866-6978

or

Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing

www.colorado.gov/hcpf

Medicaid School Health Services Program

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Medicaid School Health Services Program Provides Health Services to All Students

Colorado Medicaid School Health Services

Parent's Guide



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What is the Medicaid School Health Services Program?

- Program allows school districts to seek reimbursement from Medicaid
- Partial reimbursement for health and medical services
- Provided to Medicaid-eligible students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Districts required to use funds for additional or enhanced health/health related services for all students

Why are schools requesting Medicaid reimbursement?

- Federal special education laws require school districts to provide IEP including health services to students
- Federal law allows school districts to seek reimbursement for health services provided to Medicaid eligible IEP students
- Funds are used to provide additional health services to all students
- Services can include vision/hearing screenings, Medicaid/Child Health Plan *Plus*, outreach to uninsured families, access to emergency medication/dental services for uninsured students

Which IEP health services are reimbursable through Medicaid?

- Health and health related services listed in the IEP
- Occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language therapy, orientation/mobility/vision services, psychological/counseling/social work services, nursing services, personal care services and specialized transportation

How do schools use the money they receive from Medicaid?

- Colorado law requires reimbursement funds be used to provide enhanced health and health related services to all district students
- Services can include: additional nursing support, medical supplies and equipment, mental health support for students and families and vouchers to provide access to vision/dental/mental health services to uninsured students
- Contact your school Medicaid Coordinator for details

I am concerned about confidentiality. Who can see my child's health information if I allow my school district to bill Medicaid for IEP services provided to my child?

- Two laws determine who can see student health information
- Federal privacy laws state only school health service providers, your child's private doctor, district Medicaid billing agent and Colorado's Medicaid Agency will see your child's school health records

Will Medicaid services my child receives outside of school be affected?

- No. IEP health services provided by the school and reimbursed to the district **do not** affect your child's lifetime Medicaid benefits
- Students can receive health services at school on the same day they receive services outside of school