

School-Based Services Program

Medicaid Reimbursement Information Sheet

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What is School-Based Services?

Since 1993 the State of Michigan has participated in a Federal program called School-Based Services. The program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for health related services that are listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). This reimbursement helps school districts with some of the costs of health care services that are provided to children when they are at school. The State of Michigan also receives some of this Federal reimbursement. Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medicaid eligible, services are provided to all students with disabilities regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

The Michigan School-Based Services program is under the direction of the Michigan Department of Community Mental Health.

Is there a cost to me?

No. IEP services are provided to students while they are at school at NO cost to the family.

Will it impact my family's Medicaid ?

No. The School-Based Services program does NOT impact a family's Medicaid services, funds, or limits. It does not affect your family's Medicaid benefits in any way.

What type of services for children does the School-Based Services program cover?

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech and Language
- Orientation and Mobility
- Assistive Technology Services
- Psychological/Social Work
- Evaluations
- Developmental Testing
- Nursing
- Case Management
- Special Education Transportation

How can I assure my school district receives benefits from the School-Based Services program?

Federal regulations require the parent/guardian:

- To be fully informed about the School-Based Services program.
- To provide consent to release school records containing the student's information to Michigan Medicaid and billing agencies for the purpose of participating in the School-Based Services program.
- To understand that consent is voluntary and can be revoked in writing but is not retroactive.



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You can support your district by providing your written consent which allows your school district to participate in the School-Based Services program. In these times of reduced state funding for schools, all reimbursements are extremely important.