Medicaid School Services Program

What is the Medicaid School Services Program?

Since 1993, the State of Michigan has participated in a federal program called School Services Program, formerly School Based Services. The program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically related services that are listed on a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

In 2019, a new program was added to expand the School Services Program to general education students who have a 504 Plan, Health Care Plan, Plan of Care and/or a need for crisis intervention. Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medicaid eligible, these services are provided to all students regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

The Michigan School Services Program is under the direction of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



Is there a cost to me?

No. Services are provided to students while they are at school at NO cost to the parent/guardian.

Will it impact my family's Medicaid benefits?

No. The School Services Program does NOT impact a family's Medicaid services, fund or limits. Michigan operates the School Services Program differently than the Family Medicaid Program. The School Services Program does not affect your family's Medicaid benefits in any way.

What type of services does the School Services Program cover?

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

How can I help assure my school district receives benefits from the School Services Program?

School districts have been participating since 1993 but, recently, Federal regulations changed to require that the parent/guardian...

- be fully informed about the School Services Program.
- provide consent to treat and provide intervention and support services to your child within the school day.
- provide consent to bill Medicaid for medical, behavioral and mental health services provided to your child within the school day.
- understand that consent is voluntary and can be revoked in writing at any time.

You can help your school district and your child by providing your written consent, which allows continued participation in the School Services Program and offers funding to provide services for all children.

Help support the services your child receives. Help Us Help Them.