



The information in this presentation is applicable only to public school corporations. Because they are public entities, public school districts may recover federal Medicaid matching funds for a portion of the costs associated with furnishing services and administrative supports to Medicaid-enrolled students.

Please hold your questions through the next 12 slides, and we will address as many questions as time permits at the end of this presentation.

Two *Different* Types of School-Based Medicaid Claiming

1) **IEP Direct Services Claiming**:

pays Medicaid rates for providing covered **HEALTH-RELATED SERVICES** in the **IEP** of a Medicaid-eligible Special Education student

2) **MAC (MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING)**:

pays a portion of public schools' costs for staff **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES** to help students & families address students' unmet health needs

In Indiana, school districts participate in Medicaid claiming on a strictly voluntary basis. Districts may participate in one, both or neither type(s).



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School-Based Medicaid Claiming = Federal Funds Recovery



Medicaid Claiming for Covered IEP-Required Services

Pays district at Medicaid rate for IEP-required PT, speech, psych, nursing, etc.
In State Fiscal Year 2015: 155 districts claimed \$10.2 million

Medicaid Administrative Claiming ("IndianaMAC")

Pays % of district's local/state costs for school staff admin activities to facilitate all (general & special ed) students' access to health care coverage & services
In Federal Fiscal Year 2015: 119 districts claimed \$3.3 million

More at <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid>
& the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on Learning Connection.



A snapshot in time (Fiscal Year 2015) of Medicaid Claiming for School-Based Services in Indiana.

511 IAC 7-33-3 Other public agencies...

(c) If a noneducational agency or a public agency other than the local educational agency is otherwise obligated under federal or state law, or assigned responsibility under ... an interagency agreement ... to provide or pay for any services that are also considered special education or related services, ... that are necessary for ensuring a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities within the state, the noneducational agency or the public agency must fulfill that obligation or responsibility ...

(d) A public agency described in subsection (c) that receives Medicaid reimbursement for service provision may not disqualify an eligible service for Medicaid reimbursement because that service is provided in a public school setting.



511 IAC 7-33-4 Use of public and private insurance

Sec. 4. (a) A public agency may use Medicaid or other public benefits or insurance programs in which a student participates to provide or pay for services required under this article, as permitted under the public benefits or insurance program.

(b) A public agency must provide written notice to the parent:

- (1) before accessing the student's or the parent's public benefits or public insurance for the first time;
- (2) prior to obtaining the one-time written parental consent as described in subsection (d); and
- (3) annually thereafter.



In accordance with both Medicaid and Education laws and rules, a public school district (referred to here as a public agency) may access a student's public insurance benefits (i.e., Medicaid) to help cover the costs of providing required services to that student.

However, the public agency ***must provide the required services regardless*** whether or not Medicaid reimbursement is available or claimed.

To access a student's Medicaid benefits, the school district must do 2 things:

- 1) provide PRIOR written notice, as described in this slide; and
- 2) obtain a signed Medicaid consent

Upon obtaining the parent's initial written consent, the school district must provide written notice to the parent every year thereafter.

Written notice before requesting your consent

Before the school corporation may ask for your consent to bill Medicaid (public benefits) for services in your child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), the school must give you this written notice about your rights and protections under federal law. And, before the school may discuss your child's health-related educational service needs to the State Medicaid agency for claiming purposes, the school must have your written consent.

Federal Special Education funds cover some but not all of the costs for services that the school is required to provide at no cost to you. Public benefits such as Medicaid may also be used to help fund these costs, but only if you choose to give your consent.

Your Rights and Protections

- If you choose not to give consent or later withdraw your consent, the school must continue to provide your child all required IEP or IFSP services at no cost to you.
- If you give consent, you have the right to withdraw that consent at any time.
- The school may not require you to enroll in Medicaid or other public health coverage as a condition of providing IEP or IFSP services that it is required to provide at no cost.
- The school may not use your public benefits (Medicaid) if doing so would:
 - exhaust the plan benefit limitations (for example, decrease the number of covered years to pay for services outside of school that would otherwise be covered);
 - cause you to pay a deductible, co-payment or other out-of-pocket expense;
 - increase your premium, or lead to cancellation of benefits; or
 - jeopardize your child's eligibility for Medicaid home and community based services.

Antes de que la escuela pueda tener el acceso a los beneficios públicos o el programa de seguro o los beneficios de seguro privado de su hijo

Con su consentimiento, la escuela puede usar Medicaid u otros beneficios públicos o seguro público o su seguro privado para proveer o pagar por los servicios de educación especial o servicios relacionados. Si usted se niega dar su consentimiento a la escuela para facturar a Medicaid o a su seguro privado para los servicios cubiertos en el IEP o IFSP, la escuela tiene que seguir proporcionando todos los servicios requeridos por IEP o IFSP sin costo para usted.

Sus Derechos y Protecciones:

- Si usted elige dar su consentimiento o después retirar su consentimiento, la escuela tiene que seguir proporcionando a su hijo todos los servicios requeridos del IEP o IFSP sin costo para usted.
- Si usted da su consentimiento, usted tiene el derecho de retirar su consentimiento en cualquier momento.
- La escuela puede no requerir que usted se inscriba en Medicaid u otro programa de cobertura pública de salud como condición de proporcionar los servicios de IEP o IFSP que es requerido proporcionar sin costo a usted.
- La escuela no puede usar los beneficios públicos de usted (Medicaid) si al hacerlo:
 - agotaría las limitaciones de los beneficios del plan (por ejemplo, disminuir el número de visitas cubiertas o causarle a usted pagar por los servicios fuera de la escuela que de lo contrario sería cubiertos);
 - causaría a usted pagar un deducible, co-pago u otro gasto de bolsillo;
 - aumentaría su prima de seguro o conducir a cancelación de los beneficios; o
 - pondría en peligro la elegibilidad de su hijo para los servicios de extensión basados en el hogar y la comunidad de Medicaid.

Written Consent to Bill Medicaid

You, signatory on this form, allow the school corporation to bill Medicaid for educational services provided to this student. Medicaid reimbursement helps fund costs for providing Special Education and related services, specialized equipment and

Student Name: _____ Student Date of Birth: _____

I give consent for "_____" to bill Medicaid for covered services in this program. My signature authorizes the school to release health-related educational services and request any for eligibility verification, billing and auditing.

I understand that:

- Giving, refusing or withdrawing consent will not impact my child's/my Medicaid eligibility.
- I have the right to withdraw my consent at any time.
- The school corporation must provide required IEP or IFSP services even if I refuse or withdraw consent.
- Services in the IEP or IFSP must be provided at no cost to me even if I refuse or withdraw consent.
- Upon request, I may receive copies of any records the school discloses to Medicaid.
- The school must give me written notice of my rights and protections under federal law one time each year.

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student who is 18 years old or older with no legal guardian:

Name	Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____

This completed form must be retained and available for audit purposes.

This slide shows an example of the consent form that schools typically ask parents to sign when seeking to bill Medicaid for covered IEP-required services. IDOE offers this sample format, in English and Spanish, on its web set and in the IIEP system.

Most school districts incorporate the annual Medicaid consent notification into the Notice of Procedural Safeguards that's shared with all parents of students with IEPs.

The main point of these documents is to assure parents of their rights to give, deny and withdraw consent.

511 IAC 7-33-4 Use of public and private insurance

(f) With regard to services required to provide a free appropriate public education to a student with a disability under this article, the public agency may access a parent's private insurance proceeds only if the parent provides informed consent as defined by 511 IAC 7-32-17.

Accessing a student's public (Medicaid/Hoosier Healthwise) or private insurance benefits to help defray costs of IEP-required related services
cannot result in a cost to the family.



The school's participation in Medicaid claiming **must not** result in any type of cost to the parent. That is, school-based Medicaid claiming cannot affect the child's Medicaid eligibility; it cannot cost the parent a copayment or deductible (but these can be paid by the school if required and the parent gives consent); AND, the school cannot claim Medicaid reimbursement if doing so would exhaust any benefit limitation that the Medicaid agency places on the child's coverage.

In Indiana, schools' claims do not count toward session or visit limits and do not decrement visits prior authorized by Medicaid Managed Care Plans that manage services delivered to the child in settings outside the school.

511 IAC 7-33-4 Special Education + Medicaid

SpEd Speak:

- ❖ IEP / IFSP
- ❖ Initial Educational Evaluation to Determine Eligibility for Services
- ❖ Health “Related” Services*
 - OT, PT, **Speech, Audiology**
 - **Nursing**
 - **Psych/Behavioral Health**
 - **Specialized Transportation**
- ❖ *Related Service Provider

Med Speak:

- ❖ Plan of Care
- ❖ Initial Diagnostic Evaluation
- ❖ Direct Medical Services**
 - OT, PT, **Speech, Audiology**
 - **Nursing**
 - **Psych/Mental Health**
 - **Specialized Transportation**
- ❖ **Medicaid-Qualified Provider

*****Differing** definitions and provider credential/licensure requirements



Special Education and Medicaid speak different languages but share responsibility to serve many of the same children and provide many of the same services.

Note: some of the direct care service providers who work in the school setting have different credentials or licensure from those who operate in the more traditional “medical” or “clinical” setting – the red and blue fonts in this slide point out where some of those differences may sometimes be true. In some cases, a clinician is appropriately licensed and credentialed to provide service in the school setting but Medicaid will not cover services furnished by that individual.

Examples of IndianaMAC-Reimbursable Admin Activities

- ✓ Providing information to students and families about Hoosier Healthwise, Medicaid, CHIP and available health care benefits
- ✓ Scheduling, coordinating or referring a student to medical, dental, vision or mental health diagnostic and treatment services
- ✓ Gathering information that may be required for service referrals
- ✓ Developing plans and strategies to improve and eliminate gaps in health service delivery for school-age children
- ✓ Meeting with parents or professionals about a child with unmet health care needs
- ✓ Coordinating or attending meetings or trainings related to Medicaid and medical services
- ✓ Arranging transportation or translation services required for a student/family to access needed health care services



IndianaMAC: Indiana's school-based Medicaid claiming methodology that permits public school districts to recover a portion of their state and locally funded costs for administrative activities such as those listed on this slide.

IDOE's Role: 511 IAC 7-33-3 Other public agencies

To Facilitate Delivery, Coordination and Funding of Part B (& other) Services

IDOE's School-Based Medicaid Specialist collaborates with state Education, Medicaid and other agencies, LEAs, community stakeholders to:

- Stay abreast of state and federal Medicaid and Education regulatory changes;
- Recommend state policy, rule, legislative and Medicaid State Plan changes;
- Maintain school-friendly technical assistance guides, sample forms, newsletters, data reports and other online resources;
- Provide on-site technical assistance support for Medicaid-participating LEAs undergoing audits and other Medicaid reviews;
- Oversee the work of the statewide IndianaMAC contractor/provide technical assistance for LEA oversight of Medicaid medical billing agent contractors
- Give presentations at conferences, professional association meetings & LEAs;
- Participate in federal, state and local interagency/interdisciplinary advisory and work groups; as well as state and national stakeholder organization initiatives
- Serve as a resource on "blended and braided funding" for school-community partnerships and state budgetary purposes



School-Friendly Materials, Accessible to All



Special Education

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School-Based Medicaid

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Federal law makes Medicaid reimbursement available for health-related services that schools provide to meet the educational needs of students with disabilities. By law, Medicaid claiming for Individualized Education Program (IEP) services cannot affect the student's Medicaid eligibility or benefits. Approximately 140 Indiana public school corporations claim Medicaid reimbursement for covered IEP services (such as physical therapy, nursing and audiology) subject to parental consent. Additionally, nearly 100 public school corporations participate in school-based Medicaid Administrative Claiming to recover costs of administrative activities that school staff perform to help address students' unmet healthcare needs. Federal Medicaid funds from both programs help local schools defray costs associated with administrative activities as well as equipment, supplies, professional development and specialized training required to comply with the federal Special Education mandate.

General Information



- [Medicaid in Schools Newsletters](#)
- [School Corp Medicaid Reimbursement Report](#) - 1st Half of SFY 2015: IEP (pgs 1-11) & MAC (last 3 pgs)

Announcements, Bulletins and Topic-Specific Questions/Answers

- [Medicaid Claims Announcement for Medicaid-Participating School Corporations - March 2011](#)
- [Medicaid Speech Coverage Policy Q&A](#)
- [Memo to Special Education Directors concerning Medicaid PERM audits - January 2008](#)
- [National Correct Coding Initiative Q&A](#)

Manuals

- [Indiana MAC Time Study Participant Manual](#) - Updated October 2014
- [Medicaid Billing Guidebook](#) - Updated April 2015 - The Guidebook is a high-level overview intended to orient school personnel to the Medicaid program and to general concepts involved in Medicaid claiming for school-based health services and related administrative activities.
- [Medicaid Billing Tool Kit, Fifteenth Edition](#) - Updated November 2014 - The Tool Kit discusses Indiana Medicaid billing requirements for covered health-related services in a student's IEP. It includes general

Navigate to the School-based Medicaid web page at the Indiana Department of Education's public web site by typing doe.in.gov in your browser; then selecting Parent Portal. Click Special Education, which takes you to the Office of Special Education landing page, where you can scroll down to the area marked "Special Education Information" and click the School-based Medicaid link.

Which Indiana Districts Claim for IEP-Required Services?

MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS FOR IEP SERVICES

Tab 1 of 2

Total IEP Medicaid reimbursement (state & federal \$) goes to the LEA. IDOE adjusts the participating LEAs monthly tuition support by the amount of state \$ + 3% of the federal \$ in the Medicaid payment. [Per IC 12-15-1-10, the State retains 3% of the federal \$ to defray state program administration costs.] The LEA restores the state \$ to tuition support and uses the unrestricted federal \$ (approx 67% of total reimbursement) as it prefers, e.g., for supplies, training, equipment or professional development.

Annual Statewide Total	# Claiming
SFY 2002 = \$3,630,972.63	47
SFY 2003 = \$5,434,063.72	86
SFY 2004 = \$5,475,119.86	112
SFY 2005 = \$8,655,865.03	147
SFY 2006 = \$2,567,917.17	114
SFY 2007 = \$2,798,771.09	92
SFY 2008 = \$1,676,936.62	72
SFY 2009 = \$2,874,516.15	71
SFY 2010 = \$3,981,801.76	110
SFY 2011 =	
SFY 2012 =	
SFY 2013 =	
SFY 2014 =	

Indiana Medicaid reimbursement rates for typical IEP services:

Speech Therapy:	Individual Session \$23.85	Group Session \$12.25
Phys/Occuptr Therapy:	PT Eval \$44.33	OT Session \$18.97
Psychology:	Diagnostic Interview \$110.49	Group Therapy \$15.23
Nursing (R.N.) Service:	AR EP R.N. care and continuity	\$10.00/15 minutes
IEP Transportation:	Non-emerg. wheelchair van trip	\$20 (\$10/adult person)

MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING (MAC) REIMBURSEMENTS

Tab 2 of 2

SCHOOL CORP, TURNAROUND, CHARTER OR STATE SCHOOL

Adams Central Comm. Schools	Adams-Miller Sp.
Alexandria Comm. School Corp.	Anderson Commu.
Anderson Community School Corp.	Anderson Commu.
Angelo Community Schools	June Educational
Antonia Consolidated Sch. Corp.	Valley Central Ind.
Avon Community School Corp.	Al Lining Prgm
Avon Community School Corp.	DeWitt-Martin Sp.
Bart-Rowe Comm. Schools Inc.	Bartholomew Spec.
Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.	Bartholomew Spec.
Batesville Community Sch. Corp.	Bayley One-Death
Baugo Community Schools	Berkham County Sp.
Beech Grove City Schools	Southside Sp. Svc.
Benton Community School Corp.	Cooperative Scho.
Blackford County Schools	Delaware-Blairton
Bloomfield School District	Oreone Sullivan S.
Blue River Valley Schools	Anderson Commu.
Bremen Public Schools	North Central Ind.
Brown County School Corporation	Bartholomew Spec.
Brownburg Community Sch. Corp.	Al Lining Prgm
Brownstown Central Comm. Sch. Corp.	Orange-Lamotte

Subsequent Medicaid Administrative Claiming reimbursements are paid on a quarterly basis to each participating school corporation, charter school, state school or turn-around school. Reimbursement amounts are based on the actual number of students claiming services for the reporting period. These rates are subject to change without notice. Districts are responsible for ensuring that all services are properly documented and billed to Medicaid.

Annual Statewide Total

Claiming

Fiscal FY 2010 = \$3,402,211.25

Fiscal FY 2011 = \$2,555,205.30

Fiscal FY 2012 = \$4,326,417.92

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Where Else Can Indiana Schools Find M-edu-caid Information?

The screenshot displays the homepage of the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME). The header includes the NAME logo and the website URL. A navigation bar contains links for Home, About NAME, Keep Informed, Contact, Join NAME, and Annual Conference. The main content area features a mission statement, a section for the 2015 NAME Conference, a CMS guidance update on telemedicine, and a webinar announcement. A right sidebar contains links for 'Did You Know...', 'Members Only', 'Member Login / Logout', and 'News Archive'.

NAME
National Alliance for Medicaid in Education, Inc.

www.medicaidforeducation.org

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Mission Statement:
NAME Advocates Program Integrity For School Based Medicaid Reimbursement.

2015 NAME Conference - CMS Attendance - NAME Gathering Questions for CMS Presentation
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The NAME governmental affairs & Public Relations Committee is working with The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to gather questions to help them prepare for their presentation at the 2015 annual NAME conference in Baltimore, MD, October 4-7, 2015.

CMS wants to hear from our member members regarding questions you would like them to provide answers to during their presentation in Baltimore.

Please refrain from asking Free Care Policy questions, since we have already requested and submitted to CMS, which they will use to prepare their presentation in Baltimore. Also, please do not include state specific questions that can only be addressed by your state agency and not by CMS.

Please submit your questions by June 1, 2015 using this link:
[click here](#)

CMS Guidance: State Medicaid Telemedicine Coverage and Reimbursement
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The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has published guidance online for states that opt to cover telemedicine services, noting that "telemedicine is viewed as a cost-effective alternative to the more traditional face-to-face way of providing medical care in e.g., face-to-face consultations or examinations between provider and patient," the federal agency advises that a separate Medicaid state plan amendment (SPA) is not required if states "choose to reimburse for telemedicine services the same way (except that they pay for face-to-face services) as consultations."

For full details visit <http://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-cms-program-information-by-topics/bellevue-systems/telemedicine.html>.

Webinar: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Guidance and Autism Spectrum Disorders
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In July 2014, the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a 9-page Informational Bulletin related to services for those on the autism spectrum.

With many state agencies uncertain about what the CMS guidance means for them, many have taken no action yet. In February 2015, the association of university centers on disabilities (AUCD) co-sponsored a webinar, "CMS Guidance and Autism Spectrum Disorders," that provides perspective on how state (connected) has responded to the CMS guidance. Featuring an impressive array of presenters from AUCD, Easter Seals and the autism society, the slides from that presentation and contact information for the speakers have now been archived and are

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By sharing information, resources and best practices, the nonprofit National Alliance for Medicaid in Education helps bring together federal and state policy makers with providers of school-based services to establish standardized policies, guidance and practices for schools to recover federal Medicaid funds as the U.S. Congress intended.

NAME helped engage all stakeholders in public policy discussions that led to two regulatory changes in the past few years. One was to simplify the Medicaid Consent requirement, thereby reducing unnecessary administrative burdens and confusion for schools and families; the other was the December 2014 change in Medicaid's free care policy. This 'free care' change opens the door for each state Medicaid agency to develop reimbursement methodologies for 504 and individualized healthcare plan services, and for other care furnished by school nurses and school health centers.

The Indiana Medicaid agency is examining its policies and considering how best to reimburse schools for the wide array of covered services they provide to Medicaid-enrolled students.

Everything You Wanted to Know ... but Were Afraid to Ask?

Thank you!

Questions?

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