

## **Business/Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Medical Reimbursement for Special Education Students**

The Board of Education (Board) will seek Medicaid reimbursement for eligible medically related services\* provided to Medicaid eligible special education students in accordance with federal and state law. Not later than December 1, 2017, the Board shall enroll as a provider in the state medical assistance program, participate in the Medicaid School Based Child Health Program administered by the Department of Social Services, and submit billable service information electronically to the Department of Social Services, or its billing agent. The Board may enter into an agreement with a third party or another board of education to comply with these requirements, effective December 1, 2017. The Board realizes that such third-party vendor agreements to provide that cost for the above services paid from, and contingent on receipt of sufficient funds from, grants the Department of Social Services makes to boards of education based on Medicaid claims for special education services provided to District students.

The Board, as required, will determine a child's Medicaid enrollment status, and will provide written notification to and gain access from the parent/guardian of the student before accessing the student's or parent's or guardian's public benefits or insurance for the first time. Written notification will be provided annually thereafter.

The Board will provide written notification to all parents and guardians of children who are Medicaid eligible and currently receiving School Based Child Health (SBCH) services under an individualized education plan (IEP) or 504 plan prior to obtaining parental consent and prior to the continuation of billing Medicaid for the services. The Board will obtain parental consent from all parents and guardians who are Medicaid eligible and receiving SBCH services under an IEP or 504 plan, in order to access their public benefits or insurance to pay for services under the IDEA.

<p>*Note: Districts can bill for health-related services that are outlined in the student's IEP or 504 plan. In general, services for which a school district may bill Medicaid are: audiologist services, evaluation and testing, nursing services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, psychological services and social work services.</p>
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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76d Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services. State agency placements; apportionment of costs. (as amended by June 2017 Special Session PA 17-2, Sec. 51)

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

42 CFR Parts 431, 433 and 440, Medicaid Program; Elimination of Reimbursement Under Medicaid for School Administration Expenditures and Costs Related to Transportation of School-Age Children Between Home and School

5.299, The Medicare, Medicaid & SCHIP Extension Act of 2007

34 C.F.R. §300.154(d) – Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)-Part B, related to parental consent to access public benefits or insurance

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