

# MEDICAID ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

## Regarding Parental Consent

### THE MEDICAID SBS PROGRAM

Michigan's School-Based Services (SBS) program has its legal basis in the 1988 amendment to the Social Security Act (42USC: 396 b(c)). This Act allows for partial reimbursement to schools for health services. These are provided to Medicaid-eligible students with disabilities who qualify under the Federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*.

Since 1993 the State of Michigan has participated in a Federal program called Medicaid School-Based Services. The program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related services listed on a student's Individual Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). 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 Health.

Nationally, more than 25 million children rely on Medicaid for health care; in Michigan, nearly 900,000 children rely on Medicaid for health care. All 56 Michigan intermediate school districts participate in the SBS program. The Monroe County Intermediate School District and the local school districts have participated in the program since 1994.

In 2013, the regulations regarding Medicaid parental consent for School-Based Services changed. Prior to accessing a child's public benefits or insurance for the first time, and annually thereafter, school districts must provide parents/guardians with written notification. So what does all this mean?

#### Is there a cost to you?

NO—IEP/IFSP services are provided to students while they are at school at NO cost to the parent / guardian.

#### Will School-Based Medicaid claiming impact your family's Medicaid benefits?

The School-Based Services program does NOT impact a family's Medicaid services, funds, or limits. Michigan operates the School-Based Services program differently than the Family Medicaid program. The School-Based Services program does not affect your family's Medicaid benefits in any way.

#### What types of services does the SBS Program provide?

In Michigan, the Medicaid School-Based Services program provides partial reimbursement for services such as:

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Evaluations
- Psychological Services
- Transportation
- Nursing Services
- Social Work Services
- Case Management
- Assistive Technology Services
- Orientation & Mobility Services

#### What type of information about your child will be shared?

In order to submit claims for School-Based Services reimbursement, the following types of record maybe required: first name, last name, middle name, address, date of birth, student ID, Medicaid ID, disability, service dates and the type of services delivered.

#### What if you change your mind?

You have the right to withdraw consent to disclose your child's personally identifiable information to the Michigan Medicaid agency and its affiliates at any time.

#### How does School-Based Services help school districts?

It offsets some of the costs of health care that schools provide to children and students.

#### Who will see this information?

Information about your child's School-Based Services may be shared with the Michigan Medicaid agency and its affiliates for the purpose of verifying Medicaid eligibility and submitting claims.

#### Will your consent or refusal affect your child's services:

NO. Regardless of whether you have Medicaid coverage or not (and whether you provide consent or not), the school district will still provide services to your child pursuant to his/her IEP or IFSP.

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The services which Medicaid recognizes are consistent with professional standards of practice as well as special education program requirements.

Monroe County Intermediate School District is a designated Medicaid-enrolled provider. The M.C.I.S.D. has been a participating Medicaid provider since the 1994-1995 school year.

In that time, the School-Based Services program has provided valuable revenue for the school districts of Monroe County.

**If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact:**

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