

What is the Medicaid School-Based Services Program?

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 medically-related services that are listed on a student's Individualized 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 Health and Human Services.



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Is there a cost to me to participate in the program?

There is **no cost** to the parent/guardian for IEP/IFSP specified services provided to students while they are at school.

Will participation in the program impact my family's Medicaid benefits?

Participating in 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 do I have to do to make sure my child's services are eligible for partial reimbursement through the Medicaid School-Based Services Program?

To make sure your child's school can benefit from the Medicaid School-Based Program, you must give written consent; the consent form is usually presented to parents/guardians at the IEPT/IFSP meeting. By giving consent, you are granting your school district permission to provide services and to bill Medicaid for the services. Once consent is given, it is in effect indefinitely unless rescinded by the parent/guardian; thereafter, parents will be given the Medicaid Notification of Rights and Protections at the student's IEPT/IFSP meeting.

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

Speech & Language Occupational Therapy Physical Therapy Nursing
Psychological/Social Work Personal Care Orientation & Mobility