



Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP)

Individualized Education Program (IEP) Services or Individualized Family Services Plan (IFSP)

If your child has an IEP or IFSP at school:

State law requires schools to try to get payment from Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) and private health insurance for health-related services. When you complete an application with MHCP, you agree to allow MHCP to bill other payers.

IEP or IFSP covered services

If your child's IEP or IFSP includes any of these health-related services, MHCP can help pay for them:

- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Hearing services
 - Personal care assistant services
 - Mental health services
 - Nursing services
 - Transportation
 - Assistive technology devices
 - Interpreter services

Protections for families and children for other MHCP health care services

Services provided in schools for children with an IEP or IFSP do not count against or apply to the following:

- TEFRA parental fees
- Limits for CAC, CADI, DD and BI waivers,* home care services or other covered health services
 - * CAC-Community Alternative Care for chronically ill individuals DD-Developmental Disabilities
 - CADI-Community Access for Disability Inclusion
 - BI-Brain Injury
- Other MHCP covered services provided in the community

School information

Provide the following to your child's school:

- Your child's health insurance information
- Your permission to release your child's records for billing. You may take away your permission at any time by asking the school in writing
- Your written permission to bill your child's private insurance

Your child's school must do the following:

- Notify you each year if the school plans to bill MHCP
- Bill your private health insurance first, if you have it
- Give your child IEP services at no cost to you

You will receive an explanation of benefits explaining the services the school provided and submitted to MHCP for payment. The school receives the federal share of IEP claims.

What will happen if I don't give information or permission to bill to the school?

Your child's IEP services will not change or stop for the following reasons:

- You do not give the school permission to bill for IEP services
- You do not give the school information about your child's health insurance
- Your child loses coverage through MHCP or private health insurance

Private insurance payment for IEP services

If your private insurance pays for IEP services:

- Premiums for your private insurance may go up
- Service limits and prior approval levels may change