Medicaid Annual Notification

Dear BPS Parent,

The State of Florida participates in the federally funded Medicaid Certified School Match Program. This program helps school districts by allowing them to receive reimbursement for services provided to Medicaid Eligible Students. School districts frequently utilize this Medicaid reimbursement to help meet the costs of providing education services.

In order to assist you further, we have put together frequently asked questions to guide you.

Who can the district submit reimbursement for?

While services will be provided to all students, as determined necessary by the school IEP/504/MTSS team, school districts may only receive reimbursement for services provided to students who are Medicaid Eligible.

What services does Medicaid cover?

Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy	Nursing Services
Speech/Language Therapy	Psychological Services	Social Work Services
Audiology Services	Special Transportation	School Health Aides
Screenings/Evaluations	Counseling Services	

Why does the district need parental consent?

Federal law requires school districts to seek parental consent prior to submitting bills for reimbursement from public insurers such as Medicaid. The school district is required to obtain your written permission to release information to Medicaid before the district can submit any information for billing purposes. Services listed in the IEP (Individual Education Plan)/IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan) must be provided regardless of whether parent/legal guardian gives consent to bill Medicaid.

Is there a cost to me?

No. Services provided to a student within a school setting are provided at no cost to the parent/guardian. IEP/IFSP services must be provided at no cost to the parent/legal guardian or student.

Will this impact my child's outside Medicaid benefits?

No. Granting permission for the school district to bill Medicaid **will not** reduce your ability to seek other Medicaid-covered health-related services outside the school setting. This permission will not decrease lifetime coverage, increase premiums, or lead to the discontinuation of benefits. The district delays submission for billing to ensure there is no overlap with your student receiving outside services first.

Who will see this information?

Your student's demographic and service information will be shared with the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) for the purpose of verifying Medicaid eligibility and submitting claims.

What if I deny consent? – What if I change my mind?

You have the right to add or withdraw your consent at any time. Your child's free appropriate public education and related services will continue regardless of consent, refusal of consent, or withdrawal of consent to disclose the child/children's personal identifiable information to the agency responsible for the State's public benefits or insurance.

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