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# Education Funding Committee

## March 14, 2018

### School-Based Medicaid Services



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# Background

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- Medical Services Division initiated an effort last summer to review claims data and update the School-Based Medicaid services coverage policy:
  - Ensure services being claimed were within the coverage policy and are identified with the correct place of service.
  - Review covered services.

# Background

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- There have been continued requests for Medicaid to fund more services in schools. Having a solid Medicaid policy in place before discussion on the potential of adding more services is essential.
- Medicaid is also reviewing telemedicine coverage; and considering impacts on School-Based Medicaid Services.
- Addition of Applied Behavioral Analysis services to the Medicaid State Plan (July 2017) has raised questions.
  - <https://www.nd.gov/dhs/autism/docs/aba-services-provided-in-schools.pdf>
- Have collaborated with Department of Public Instruction on policy considerations.



# Overview

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- The Department of Human Services (DHS), Medical Services Division (ND Medicaid) is responsible for the payment of services for Medicaid-eligible children who receive Medicaid-covered services that are authorized or prescribed in the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP), per the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
- ND Medicaid will pay the school for services based on claims submitted by the school. Payment will be based on reimbursement schedules developed by ND Medicaid.



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# Overview

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- To receive ND Medicaid payment, the services must be part of a special education program and otherwise covered by ND Medicaid. ND Medicaid will not directly pay private schools, but can make payments to the public school district for IEP-related services for children in that district who are attending private educational facilities.
- *Schools* for purposes of ND Medicaid policy means a public school district or special education unit.



# Overview

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- Medicaid-covered services must be provided by school personnel who meet ND Medicaid provider qualifications as well as all applicable state licensing standards and are enrolled as ND Medicaid providers. Personnel can be either an employee of or contracted through the school; however, all claims must be submitted by the school.



# Qualified Services Must:

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- Be provided to student who is eligible for Medicaid on the date of service;
- Be authorized or prescribed in the eligible Medicaid student's Individualized Education Program (IEP);
  - The IEP must be updated as Medicaid-eligible services are initiated or discontinued.
- Be rendered by an enrolled Medicaid provider who is either an employee of or contracted through a school;
- Be a service covered under the North Dakota Medicaid State Plan;
- Documented appropriately; and
- Billed to Medicaid by the school.



# Covered Services

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- Services must be medically necessary and authorized or prescribed within an IEP that has been developed by the student's IEP team.
  - Skilled nursing services require a written order.
  - Other health-related services can be authorized by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts operating within their scope of practice in accordance with state law and enrolled with ND Medicaid.



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# Covered Services

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- Therapies (Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech-Language Pathology);
- Audiology;
- Behavioral Health;
- Skilled Nursing Services provided to children with complex medical needs;
- Transportation from school to IEP services provided at an offsite location, and transportation back to school. Inclusion of the service in the child's IEP is mandatory; and
- Applied behavior analysis.



# Telemedicine

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- Health Services billed by Schools can be delivered via telemedicine; however, no originating site fee is allowed.



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# Non-Covered Services

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- Services provided that are not recommended in the Medicaid-eligible student's IEP and prescribed or ordered by the appropriate health care professionals.
- Services that are not provided directly to the child such as attendance at staff meetings, staff supervision, member screening, development and use of instructional text and treatment materials.
- Communications between the provider and child that is not face-to-face.



# Non-Covered Services

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- Transportation to and from home to school.
- Population screenings such as lice checks.
- Services considered experimental or investigational.
- Services considered educational or instructional in nature.
- Medication administration.

# Next Steps

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- Amend Medicaid State Plan to allow enrollment of registered nurses employed by or contracted through schools to provide Skilled Nursing Services.
- Send revised policy to schools enrolled to bill Medicaid services.
- Continue meetings with various stakeholders requesting expanded services.
- Prepare fiscal estimate of additional non-federal match needed for expanded services.



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# Questions?



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