



## Special Education Services School Based Medicaid in Kansas

### General Information

- The Medicaid program, established in 1965 under Title XXI of the Social Security Act is jointly funded by the federal and state governments.
- 1968 Congress made changes to Medicaid statute to allow schools to claim Medicaid reimbursement for some school based related services.
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment Division of Health Care Finance is the state's Medicaid program that administers the school based Medicaid program in Kansas.

### Reimbursement

#### Types of Services

Services covered under Kansas State Plan Amendment include; specialized transportation (only cost based reconciliation), nursing services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech language and hearing services, psychology and social work services.

#### Cost Based Settlement

At the end of the school year, districts can submit cost reports and be reimbursed for the difference between what was already received on the fee for service schedule and the actual cost of providing services.

#### School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)

Designed to recover certain costs for administrative activities routinely performed by school employees and contracted staff.

#### Fee for Service

Districts can be reimbursed for every Medicaid eligible service provided to the student. Districts submit claims for reimbursement directly to HP, the State's Medicaid processing contractor

#### Medicaid replacement state aid

A portion of special education services state aid appropriated as Medicaid replacement state aid for all districts using a formula based upon the number of children who received Medicaid services on March 1. (K.S.A. 72-998) This payment is included in the June 1 final payment to the districts.

### Family Involvement

- LEA's must obtain parent consent on an annual basis to access Medicaid reimbursement for IEP health-related direct services that are provided in the school.

Families Together, Kansas Parent Training and Information Center provide and informational letter to parents explaining the parent's role in the Medicaid reimbursement process.

### Terminology

- **Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)** is an agency within the US Department of Health & Human Services responsible for administration of several key federal health care programs, which includes Medicare and Medicaid.
- **Current Procedural Terminology (CPT)** is the uniform codes and descriptions for medical procedures, including coding rules and guidelines published by the American Medical Association.
- **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and applies to all schools that receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education.
- **Federal Financial Participation (FFP)** is funding contributed by the Federal government toward a State's Medicaid program costs.
- **Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP)** is the percentage of a State Medicaid program's medical assistance expenditures reimbursed by the federal government. Also referred to as the "federal share" of the Medicaid Reimbursement.
- **Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)** is federal legislation that promotes of health insurance between jobs and protects personally identifiable health information.
- **Public Consulting Group (PCG)** is the state Medicaid's contractor that administers the SDAC program.
- **State Plan Amendment (SPA)** is the state's plan of providing services. States may at any time submit amendments to the State Plan in order to change the coverage of services or the payment rates for covered services to CMS.

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