

Parental Notice for Release of Info/One-Time Consent to Bill Medicaid

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Date: _____ DOB: _____

School/District Contact: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Dear _____:

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your permission (also known as consent) to share records and information about your child with Medicaid. The school district needs to share information with Medicaid pertaining to your child, including name, date of birth, gender, and type of services provided.

With your permission, the school district will be able to seek partial reimbursement for services provided by Medicaid. Each year, the district will provide you with notification regarding your permission; you do not need to sign a form every year.

Under Federal law, the school district cannot share with Medicaid information about your child without your permission. (34 C.F.R. 99.30(b); 34 CFR 300.154(d)(2)(iv)(A)-(B)). As you consider giving permission, please be advised of the following:

1. The school district cannot require you to sign up for Medicaid for your child to receive the health-related and/or special education services to which your child is entitled.
2. The school district cannot require you to pay anything towards the cost of your child's health-related and/or special education services. This means that the school district cannot require you to pay a co-pay or deductible so that it can charge Medicaid for services provide. The school district can agree to pay the co-pay or deductible if any such cost is expected.
3. If you give the school district permission to share information with and request reimbursement from Medicaid:
 - a. **This will not affect your child's available lifetime coverage or other Medicaid benefit; nor will it in any way limit your own family's use of Medicaid benefits outside of the school.**
 - b. **Your permission will not affect your child's special education services or IEP/IFSP rights in any way, if your child is eligible to receive them.**
 - c. **Your permission will not lead to any changes in your child's Medicaid rights; and**
 - d. **Your permission will not lead to any risk of losing eligibility for other Medicaid or Medicare funded programs.**
4. If you give permission, you have the right to change your mind and withdraw your permission at any time.
5. If you withdraw your permission or refuse to allow the school district to share your child's records and information with Medicaid for the purpose of seeking reimbursement for the cost of services, the school district will continue to be responsible for providing your child with the services, at no cost to you.

- I AGREE** and give permission to the School to share with Medicaid records and information concerning my child and their health-related services, as necessary. I have read the notice and understand it. Any questions I had were answered.
- I DO NOT** give permission for the School to release information for Medicaid billing purposes and **I DO NOT** give consent for the School to access/bill Medicaid insurance for provided services.

*I have the authority to enter into this agreement and acknowledge that my electronic signature below is legally binding. I agree that electronic versions of this document shall be given the same weight and deference as a hard copy.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Information for Parents About Medicaid in Schools

How Do Medicaid and Illinois Schools Work Together?

The State of Illinois participates in a federal program called Medicaid School-Based Services. This program helps school districts by allowing them to receive reimbursement for medical services provided to students. School districts frequently utilize this Medicaid reimbursement to help meet the costs of providing services.

Who Can the District Submit Reimbursement For?

While medical services will be provided to all students, 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 Services
- Psychological Services
- Social Work Services
- Audiology Services
- Special Transportation
- School Health Aides
- Screenings/Evaluations

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.

Is There Any Cost To Me?

No. Services provided to a student within a school setting are provided at no cost to the parent/guardian.

Will This Impact My Child's Medicaid Benefits?

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, as Medicaid does not have a maximum number of eligible visits or a lifetime maximum for services.

Who Will See This Information?

Your student's demographic and service information will be shared with our billing agent and HFS (Healthcare and Family Services) for the purpose of verifying Medicaid eligibility and submitting claims.

What If I Do Not Grant Consent? -or- What If I Change My Mind?

You have the right to withdraw consent at any time. Your child's free appropriate public education and related services will continue regardless of consent, refusal of consent, or withdrawal.

Who Do I Contact If I Have Questions?

Please contact your school district with any questions or concerns.