

PARENTS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS RELATED TO BILLING FOR THE MEDICAID CHILDREN'S INTERVENTION SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAM.

What is the Children's Intervention School Services Program?

The State of Georgia participates in a Federal Medicaid program called Children's Intervention School Services. The Georgia Children's Intervention School Services program is under the direction of the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medicaid.

The school services program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related services that are listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP). Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medicaid eligible, services are provided to **all** students with disabilities regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

Is there a cost to me?

NO—school-based health related services are provided to students with disabilities at NO cost to the parent/guardian. Your child is entitled to a free and appropriate public education under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Will it impact my family's Medicaid benefits?

No. The Children's Intervention School Services program **DOES NOT** impact a family's Medicaid services, funds, or limits. Georgia operates the Children's Intervention School Services program differently than the Family Medicaid program.

How are services outside the school affected?

Your child will not be denied services, if the services are medically necessary. Your child can receive medical services in the school and privately without impacting service limitations.

What type of services for children does the Children's Intervention School Services program cover?

- Audiology Services
- Counseling Services
- Nursing Services
- Nutrition Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy

Which of my child's services will be billed to Medicaid?

Only those services that are Medicaid reimbursable and identified on the IEP will be billed to Medicaid. The school needs your consent to bill Medicaid for services.

Are there limitations to the services my child can receive?

No. The frequency of services is determined by the IEP team.

What if my child loses Medicaid?

The school system will only bill for services if a child is identified as Medicaid eligible. Losing Medicaid will not affect the services your child receives.

Who decides what services are medically necessary?

The IEP Team recommends school based health related-services as documented on the IEP at the IEP meeting.

What if I have private insurance, too?

Your private insurance will not be affected by Children's Intervention School Services billing.

What if I give consent and change my mind?

Parent consent is voluntary and can be revoked if you change your mind. Parents are asked to give written documentation withdrawing permission to bill Medicaid for the services on the child's IEP.

What if my child is not Medicaid eligible?

It is recommended to provide consent even though the family is not Medicaid eligible in case the eligibility status may change. A school district cannot bill for services if the child is not Medicaid eligible.

How can I help assure my school district receives benefits from the Children's Intervention School Services program?

- To help your school system benefit from the Medicaid Children's Intervention School Program, you must give written consent granting your permission to provide services and bill Medicaid for the services. The consent form is usually presented to parents at the IEP meeting.
- Assure that your child sees a doctor for the annual "wellcheck" and referral for services.
- Make sure your school has a signed copy of an authorization for release of information to your child's doctor.