
School Medicaid Reimbursement

In all cases in which a student is enrolled in the Colorado School Medicaid program, Mapleton Public Schools (the "District") may seek reimbursement for all ongoing health and related services rendered by qualified District staff. District staff shall make a reasonable effort to coordinate care with the student's health care provider to avoid duplication of services.

As a School Medicaid provider, the District can access School Medicaid eligibility information for students from the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing ("HCPF"). HCPF is the designated School Medicaid agency for the State of Colorado. The District contracts with the Colorado School Medicaid Consortium to assist with the administration of the School Medicaid Program.

All ongoing health and related services shall be rendered by qualified District staff pursuant to an individual health services plan signed by a professional qualified to provide the types of services described in the Individual Education Program (IEP). The District shall obtain a one-time written consent from the parent/guardian, after providing the written notification described below, before accessing the child's or the parent's public benefits or insurance for the first time. This consent must specify (a) the personally identifiable information that may be disclosed (e.g., records or information about the services that may be provided to a particular child); (b) the purpose of the disclosure (e.g., billing for services); and (c) the agency to which the disclosure may be made (e.g., Medicaid). The consent also must specify that the parent understands and agrees that the public agency may access the child's or parent's public benefits or insurance to pay for services. Further, the District shall provide written notification to the child's parents before accessing the child's or the parent's public benefits or insurance for the first time and prior to obtaining the one-time parental consent and annually thereafter. The written notification must explain all of the protections available to parents under Part B, as described in 34 CFR §300.154(d)(2)(v) to ensure that parents are fully informed of their rights before a public agency can access their or their child's public benefits or insurance to pay for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The notice must be written in language understandable to the general public and in the native language of the parent or other mode of communication used by the parent, unless it is clearly not feasible to do so.

Any parent/guardian or eligible student (18 years of age or older) may withdraw consent at any time. If consent is revoked, revocation is not retroactive. Unless notified that consent has been withdrawn in writing, the District will begin billing for any applicable services rendered within two weeks of enrollment.

Adopted October 22, 2019, by the Board of Education for Mapleton Public Schools.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

C.R.S. § 25.5-1-116 (*confidentiality of HCPF records*)

CROSS REFERENCES:

JRA/JRC: Student Records/Release of Information on Students