Medicaid Annual Notification Regarding Parental Consent

Background:
The State of Michigan participates in a Federal program called Medicaid School Services. The program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically related services listed on a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP, Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Plan of Care (POC). 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.

The Michigan School Services program is under the direction of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Prior to accessing a child's public benefits or insurance for the first time, and annually thereafter, school districts must provide parents/guardians written notification. So what does all this mean?

Is there a cost to you?
NO – IEP/IFSP/POC services are provided to students while they are at school at NO cost to the parent/guardian.

Will School-Based Medicaid claiming impact your family's Medicaid benefits?
The School Services Program does NOT impact a family's Medicaid services, funds, or limits. Michigan operates the School Services Program differently than the family's Medicaid program. The School Services Program does not affect your family's Medicaid benefits in any way.

What type of services does the Medicaid School Services Program cover?
- Evaluations
- Speech & Language/Audiology
- Occupational Therapy
- Professional Counseling
- Psychological/Social Work
- Orientation & Mobility
- Assistive Technology Svcs.
- Physical Therapy
- Case Management
- Personal Care
- Special Education Transportation
- Nursing

What type of information about your child will be shared?
In order to submit claims for School Services Program reimbursement, the following types of records may be required: first name, last name, middle name, address, date of birth, student ID, Medicaid ID, disability, service dates and the type of services delivered.

Who will see this information?
Information about your child's School Services Program may be shared with the Michigan Medicaid agency and its affiliates for the purpose of verifying Medicaid eligibility and submitting claims.

What if you change your mind?
You have the right to withdraw consent to disclose your child's personally identifiable information to the Michigan Medicaid agency and its affiliates at any time.

Will your consent or refusal affect your child's services?
NO. Regardless of whether you have Medicaid coverage or not (and whether you provide consent or not) the school district will still provide services to your child pursuant to their IEP, IFSP or POC.

What if you have questions?
If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter, please contact Allegan Area ESA Assistant Director for Program Improvement or Allegan Area Director of Special Education at (269) 512-7700.