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*A monthly circulation featuring updates, resources, and events regarding the New Hampshire Medicaid to Schools Program.*

## MTS News

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### **Updated Special Education Procedural Safeguards Handbook**

The NH Education Department published an updated version of the Special Education Procedural Safeguards Handbook in December 2024. [Read the handbook here.](#)

### **Job Posting for MTS Program Manager at NH DHHS**

The State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid Services is seeking applications for the position of Medicaid to Schools Program Manager. For more information, [see the position description here.](#)

### **Department of Education's Proposed Rule**

The US Department of Education first published the rule in May 2023, which proposed removing duplicative billing consent requirements for students with an IEP, streamlining billing permissions for students enrolled in Medicaid. Earlier this month, the Department of Education withdrew the notice of proposed rulemaking.

The withdrawal of the proposed rule means that the status quo continues. The current billing consent requirements will remain the same for both IEP students and non-IEP students. [To read more, click here.](#)

## Upcoming Events

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### **MTS Resource Center**

- Join the MTS Resource Center for our monthly Medicaid to Schools Collaborative meetings on the first Friday of each month from 9:00-10:30am. These meetings will be utilized to answer questions, hold a space for discussion and solutions, and provide training and presentations from subject matter experts.

Next MTS Collaborative Meeting: **February 7, 9:00-10:30am**

### **Upcoming Collaborative Meetings**

- [February 7](#): Discussion with Illinois LEAs on their transition to CPE
- [March 7](#): Documentation Deep Dive with Dan Courter

To attend an upcoming Collaborative Meeting, please email [schoolmedicaid@jsi.com](mailto:schoolmedicaid@jsi.com).

### Upcoming Webinars from CMS

- [January 16, 2025](#): Implementing Mental Health Initiatives in Schools
- [February 13, 2025](#): Best Practices for Billing and Documentation for Common Medicaid SBS
- [March 20, 2025](#): Unique Needs of Frontier/Remote/Rural Communities and LEAs in School-Based Health
- [May 8, 2025](#): Children with Complex Health Care Needs (CCHCN) and Medicaid SBS

[Click here for more information and to register for these webinars.](#)

# Resources

## Healthy Schools Campaign Documents Funding Boost for School Health Services

Take a look at [this article](#) from the Healthy Schools Campaign that discusses the benefits of expanding Medicaid to Schools.

### HSC Documents Funding Boost for School Health Services

December 16, 2024 | Written By: [Jessie Mandle](#)



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Over the past decade, states have been able to connect more children with health services where they already spend the majority of their time: in school.

This is due to a 2014 federal policy clarification that opened the door to additional, sustainable funding for an expanded array of school-based physical, behavioral and mental health services and providers. Congress and the Biden administration have taken additional steps to ensure all states avail themselves of this funding, particularly as more students seek mental healthcare.

## Compass Health delivers mental health services at first school-based health clinic in Bellingham Public Schools

Read about a new [mental wellness-focused school health clinic](#) in a Washington State high school.



Source: Compass Health  
October 16, 2024 11:00 ET

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**Services, located at Options High School, are available to students**

EVERETT, Wash., Oct. 16, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- As students returned to Options High School for the 2024-25 school year, they found an exciting new addition to their campus: the initial phase of a school-based health clinic specifically designed to support their mental wellness – the first of its kind for Bellingham Public Schools. Compass Health, Northwest Washington's regional behavioral health care leader, is excited to announce that it is delivering mental health services to students through the newly opened space.

Compass Health clinicians are on-site at the school-based health clinic two days a week, providing both one-on-one and group therapy sessions. On the remaining days, students can engage with clinicians through a dedicated telehealth suite. To foster a safe and welcoming environment rooted in connection and support, the clinic also features communal gathering spaces, as well as a food pantry and clothing closet maintained by local community organizations.

"We've been fortunate to work with Bellingham Public Schools for many years now to expand access to care for students. It's a natural progression in our long-standing partnership for Compass Health to deliver mental health services in Bellingham's first-ever school-based clinic," said Brooklyn Horst, director of north outpatient at Compass Health. "With rising youth mental health needs, offering support directly where students are makes it easier for them to access consistent care. This is an impactful initiative from Bellingham Public Schools that bridges gaps to improve the well-being of our community's youngest members, and we're excited to be a part of it as the behavioral health care provider."

All Medicaid-eligible Options High School students can access clinical services, free of charge. To enroll in care, students can request a referral from their Options High school counselor.

Behavioral health care services are the first phase of the school-based health clinic. Renovations are underway in the existing space to house primary care services delivered by a local health care partner, so students can access medical services on-site, too.

"An on-site health center will improve the mental and physical health of youth, reduce barriers, and increase access to care," said Dr. Greg Baker, superintendent of Bellingham Public Schools. "The Health Center at Options is also strongly connected to the relationships our district and community partners like Compass Health have cultivated with each other, especially through the Covid-19 pandemic. We celebrate the health care providers who are invested in meeting young people where they are and helping them stay mentally and physically healthy."

To learn more about Compass Health's school-based mental health programs and other services available in Whatcom County and across Northwest Washington, visit [www.compasshealth.org](http://www.compasshealth.org).

**About Compass Health:** Compass Health is Northwest Washington's behavioral healthcare leader. A community-based healthcare agency, Compass Health integrates behavioral health and medical care services to form a key section of the community safety net and serve clients and others in need of care and support. From comprehensive mental health treatment to crisis prevention and intervention, supportive housing, children's services, community education and much more, the non-profit organization serves people of all ages throughout Snohomish, Skagit, Island, San Juan, and Whatcom counties.

## Workforce Shortages Top the List of Health Policy Priorities

Forecast '25: Legislative concerns for 2025 include Medicaid, youth mental health, AI and prescription drug costs. [Read more here.](#)



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