



**Issue 28: November 2024**

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

# MTS News



Melissa Schoemmell (left) and Amy Daniels (right) presenting at the NAME conference.

## JSI Traveled to Colorado for the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education Conference

Melissa Schoemmell, Amy Daniels, and Gretchen Roussin-Drost attended the National Alliance for Medicaid in Education in Denver, Colorado October 15-18. The team presented during one of the break out sessions on "Spellbinding Solutions: Mastering Medicaid Through Training and Technical Assistance."

New Hampshire's items for the Silent Auction included Smittens, maple syrup, and a New Hampshire holiday ornament! All proceeds (totaling over \$3000) benefited Doctors Care, a private 501(c)3 organization dedicated to improving health access for low-income children and adults in the South Metro Denver area.

## Coding and Billing Resources

If you are interested in learning more about billing and coding, please check out the following resources.

### Free Resources:

The following resource does not require the purchase of a book or digital subscription to access the coding materials.

- Google: In the google search engine type in the CPT code for a particular type of visit such as ABA therapy (97151) and a code descriptor should pop up.

### Training Opportunities:

There are many courses available online or in-person related to billing and coding. Below we have listed two resources.

- *National Training*
- *New Hampshire Training*

## Resources for purchase:

The following resources would require purchasing a book or digital subscription to access the coding materials.

- *American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)*
- *American Medical Association*
- *Find a Code*

**Note:** JSI is not providing legal advice and will not be held liable for decisions made based on information that we share. Each school district should make decisions based on consultation with counsel.

## Medicaid to Schools Listening Sessions Q&A

The *official question and answer document* from the Public Listening Sessions for RFI-2025-DMS-01-MTSCH: Medicaid to Schools Financing have been published.

# Upcoming Events

## 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: **December 6, 9:00-10:30am**

**Coming in March 2025:** Documentation Deep Dive with Dan Courter

# Resources



**Medicaid SBS 101 Quick Guide**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Medicaid School Based Services (SBS) Technical Assistance Center (TAC) is available to support state Medicaid agencies (SMAs), state educational agencies (SEAs), and local educational agencies (LEAs) in operationalizing Medicaid SBS. Contact us at [SchoolBasedServices@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:SchoolBasedServices@cms.hhs.gov).

This resource aims to provide SMAs, SEAs, and LEAs with a review of:

- CMS-issued guidance
- A high-level overview of Medicaid SBS concepts
- Flexibilities offered to states in SBS
- Definitions list of Medicaid SBS terms

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA) became law in June 2022. In accordance with Section 11002 of the BSCA, and in collaboration with the US Department of Education (ED), CMS released the following guidance:

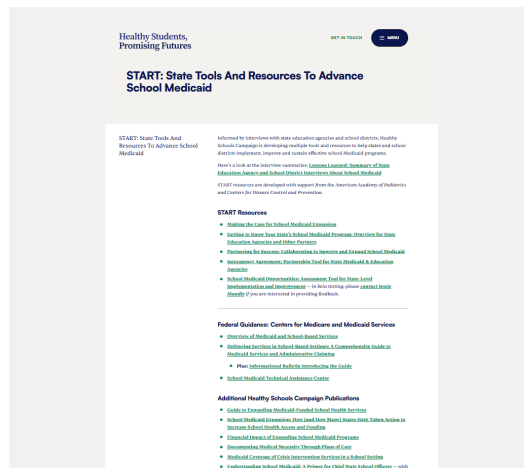
- [SBS Delivery Settings in School-Based Settings: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Considerations](#)
- An accompanying [CMS Information Bulletin \(CIB\)](#)

**What are Medicaid School-Based Services (SBS)?**

Medicaid SBS are healthcare services provided to Medicaid-enrolled children in school settings (or similar outpatient settings through school-based providers) and can be reimbursed by Medicaid. Schools can receive reimbursement to cover the costs of delivering covered Medicaid services provided by Medicaid-enrolled providers to children. The costs of certain administrative activities are also eligible for reimbursement.

A list of commonly used Medicaid SBS terms and their definitions can be found at the end of this resource.

**CMS School Based Services  
101 Quick Guide**



**Healthy Students, Promising Futures**

**START: State Tools And Resources To Advance School Medicaid**

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Informed by interviews with state education agencies and school districts, Healthy Schools Campaign is developing multiple tools and resources to help states and school districts implement, improve and sustain effective school Medicaid programs.

Here's a look at the interview transcripts: [Landing Page](#), [Summary of State Medicaid Needs and School Medicaid Initiatives](#), [State School Medicaid](#)

START resources are developed with support from the Department of Pediatrics and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**START Resources**

- [Medicaid to Schools: A School Medicaid Primer](#)
- [Guidance for States: School Medicaid Program Checklist for State Education Agencies and School Districts](#)
- [Operationalizing School Medicaid: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Considerations](#)
- [Medicaid, Assessment, Reimbursement, and School Medicaid & Education Services](#)
- [School Medicaid Operational Assessment Tool for State-Level Implementation and Development](#) – In beta testing phase contact [START@hsc.org](mailto:START@hsc.org) for more information on getting the tool.

**Federal Guidance: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

- [Division of Medicaid and School-Based Services](#)
- [Medicaid Services in School-Based Settings: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Considerations](#)
- [How Informational Bulletin Implements the Guide](#)

**Additional Healthy Schools Campaign Publications**

- [Guidance for States: School Medicaid Primer](#)
- [School Medicaid Operational Assessment Tool for State-Level Implementation and Development](#)
- [Operationalizing School Medicaid: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Considerations](#)
- [Essential Elements of Successful School Medicaid Programs](#)
- [Reimbursement Model Options Through Direct Care](#)
- [Medicaid Coverage of Child Transportation Services in a School Setting](#)
- [Implementation of School Medicaid: A Primer for CMS State School Offices](#) – 1/15

**START: State Tools And  
Resources To Advance**

## School Medicaid

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Medicaid School-Based Services Technical Assistance Center has developed a [Quick Guide](#) on Medicaid school-based services; check it out!

National Healthy Students, Promising Futures has developed multiple tools and resources to support schools and states with their school-based Medicaid programs called the [State Tools And Resources To Advance School Medicaid](#) (START).

## Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Support

The New Hampshire Center for Excellence has developed an electronic Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) that New Hampshire middle schools can use to survey students in grades six through eight.

Created using the 2025 CDC Middle and High School YRBS Surveys, the survey aims to measure behaviors and perceptions around substance use, mental health, and other social factors. This data is valuable for schools and communities to better serve their youth populations through programs, policies, and grant applications. In addition to the Center, there are other vendors that help administer middle school YRBS services both locally and nationally as well.

For more information about the services and cost based on your specific needs, please review the [MS YRBS page](#) on the Center website and if interested in services, please [submit a request](#).



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