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

## MTS News

### **Medicaid to Schools Rule Available for Public Comment**

The Medicaid to Schools Rule, *He-W 589*, is currently available for public comment. Deadline for submission of materials in writing is Wednesday, March 12, 2025. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 10:00 am at the DHHS Brown Bldg., Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St., Concord, NH. *See more information here.*

## 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: March 7, 9:00-10:30am**

- Documentation Discussion Facilitated by Dan Courter

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

### **Upcoming Webinars from CMS**

- 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.*

### **MTSS-B Framework Training by the NH Department of Education**

- March 5: Virtual Orientation
- March 14: Schoolwide/Tier 1 Strategies
- March 20: Advanced Tier (2/3) Strategies
- These trainings are of no cost to participants!

Click here for more information and to here register for these webinars.

# Resources

## New Research Brief from Healthy Schools Campaign

Healthy Schools Campaign developed a new research brief, *How Medicaid Supports Student Success*, in partnership with Georgetown Center for Children and Families.

**How Medicaid Supports Student Success**

**CHILDREN ENROLLED IN MEDICAID:**

- Miss fewer school days
- More likely to graduate from high school
- Grow up to be healthier adults
- Earn higher wages & contribute more to USA

**Medicaid helps children reach their full potential**

Medicaid provides health coverage to almost half of America's children, giving them access to the care they need to show up for school ready to learn. Children covered by Medicaid are more likely to receive the preventive health care that keeps them in school, attend classes that allow them to participate in sports, and treatment when they are sick or injured. All these benefits add up to stronger, healthier students — boosting both school achievement and economic prosperity as adults. In fact, **research shows** as the student eligible for Medicaid are more likely to graduate from high school and complete college than students without access to health care. And a 2022 Congressional Budget Office analysis found that just one extra year of Medicaid coverage during childhood leads to higher earnings and better productivity as an adult, boosting the nation's economy.

**Medicaid helps get students off to a strong start**

Too often, children facing barriers in the classroom suffer from undiagnosed health issues. Through they need glasses to read the board. Or a cochlear implant to concentrate. Or an undiagnosed learning disorder like ADHD is keeping them from achieving their full potential in school. Medicaid's robust **pediatric benefit package** allows for early screening to identify these barriers to success and intervene early. That can bolster early education milestones and get all young children ready for kindergarten, as well as booster efforts to ensure every child masters reading by the end of third grade. **One study** found that increases in Medicaid eligibility alone led to improvements in reading test scores in the 4th and 8th grades. **Another study** found a boost in children's reading scores when their parents became newly eligible for Medicaid coverage.

**Medicaid helps ensure students show up for school**

An school districts across the nation struggle to bring their absenteeism rates. Medicaid has an important role to play. Studies in all the No. 1 reason that students miss school, and too many absences contribute to weaker **social-emotional skills** in kindergarten, poorer **reading skills** in third grade and **higher dropout rates**. Beyond physical ailments, mental health challenges are keeping many students from showing up for school. When asked why they missed class, 46 percent of high school students that anxiety, and another 12 percent listed sadness and depression, according to a fall 2022 survey. Medicaid is supporting efforts to provide mental health support for these students.

## Protect NH Health Care

Read a new *Medicaid Fact Sheet* about Medicaid across the state of New Hampshire.

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**Protect New Hampshire Health Care**

NH Medicaid (Medical Assistance) is a popular health insurance program that allows New Hampshire children, adults, pregnant women, older adults, and people with disabilities to get the health care they need, so their families and communities can be productive and healthy. It offers comprehensive coverage, including for physical and mental health care, dental, and vision.

**Medicaid also...**

- Benefits our state budget
- Supports the creation of jobs
- Keeps rural hospitals open
- Benefits our economy

**Health Care for Children & Parents in New Hampshire)**

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are especially important to the health and success of our children and the economic security of their families. Medicaid covers early childhood screenings and treatments to help young children develop and be healthy. It also covers prenatal care, births, and maternal health care. **This is a critical time of life and is our best way to make sure all children have a chance to thrive.**

- 86,177 NH kids are covered by Medicaid and CHIP<sup>1</sup>
- 22% of births in NH are covered by Medicaid<sup>2</sup>

**Health Care for Older Adults & People with Disabilities)**

Medicaid helps families by covering long term health care for older adults — including nursing and home care. **Without Medicaid, this kind of care is not affordable to most people in New Hampshire.**

- 9,564 older adults in NH are enrolled in Medicaid<sup>1</sup>
- More than 15,600 people with a disability under age 65 are enrolled in Medicaid<sup>1</sup>



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