

New Hampshire Medicaid to Schools: A Guide for Parents

What is Medicaid and the Medicaid to Schools Program?

Medicaid is a program that provides health insurance coverage for eligible adults and children. The NH Medicaid to Schools program reimburses schools for health services provided to students covered by Medicaid. To find out if your child's school is participating in the Medicaid to Schools program, please reach out to the school's leadership team.

What types of services may be covered by the Medicaid to Schools Program?

The Medicaid to Schools program can cover a variety of services based on your child's needs including speech, vision, hearing, mobility, mental health, transportation, nursing and other services that are a part of the Plan of Care (IEP, ISP, BIP - see below) to which you as the parent have consented previously.

Will participating in this program affect my child's Medicaid benefits?

No, getting services at school does not limit whether your child can get services outside of school. As long as all services are considered medically necessary and approved by Medicaid, your child can get services at their school paid for by Medicaid to Schools and health services outside of school paid by your current Medicaid plan.

Can schools bill Medicaid to Schools without my permission?

No, schools cannot bill Medicaid for school-based services without your written permission. That permission will stay in effect unless you decline or withdraw permission at any time. The services your child is getting at school that you had previously consented to as part of their care plan will continue even if you do not provide written permission to bill Medicaid. Providing your written permission for the school to bill Medicaid will help the school lower their costs of providing necessary health services.

Who will see my child's information?

Your child's demographic (for example: name, age, gender) and service information will be shared with the state Medicaid Agency to verify Medicaid eligibility and submit claims. All data is secure, confidential and protected by both federal and state law.

Who is eligible for the Medicaid to Schools Program?

A student can have their services billed to Medicaid if they meet all of the following criteria:

1. Are less than 21 years old;
2. Have Medicaid for insurance;
3. Receive services by a school enrolled in the NH Medicaid to Schools program;
4. Have a school-based health services plan, such as:
 - a. Individualized Educational Program (IEP) – A document, developed by the IEP team (usually made up of the child’s teachers, parents, other school health providers), which describes the child’s special education program.
 - i. Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) – A list of positive behavior interventions and supports that are in an IEP.
 - b. Individualized Services Plan (ISP), also called a “services plan” – A document describing services that a child with disabilities would receive at a private school that is paid for by a school district.
 - c. Schools in NH only bill Medicaid for students with an IEP, BIP, or ISP. For more information, check out the [Parent Information Center’s resources on special education](#).

Sources this document is based on:

[NH Medicaid To Schools Rule](#)

[NH Medicaid State Website](#)

[What is NH Medicaid to Schools?](#)

[NH Medicaid Eligibility for Children](#)