

Medicaid School Program – Q & A

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1. What is the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP)?

The Ohio Medicaid School Program is a federal program that allows school districts to receive Medicaid reimbursement for costs associated with providing ETR (Evaluation Team Report) and IEP (Individualized Education Program) services to students with Medicaid insurance. Almost every state has a school Medicaid program, and Ohio currently has approximately 650 school districts participating in the program. This program brings in valuable dollars for Ohio schools to help offset the cost of providing therapy services to students on an IEP. As with all insurance billing, therapy services are billed to Medicaid in a very specific format. Before claims can be submitted to Medicaid, the school district must obtain “MSP Signed Parental Consent” from the student’s parent or guardian.

2. What is MSP Parental Consent?

Ohio school districts have the opportunity to receive Federal Medicaid funding for some of the therapy services that they provide to students on an IEP. The program is called the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP), and school districts must first get “Signed Parental Consent” before they can access these funds. Below are answers to miscellaneous questions regarding MSP Parental Consent.

- All billing information is protected according to HIPAA.
- Your consent is voluntary.
- You can withdraw your consent at any time.
- You **will not** be charged any out-of-pocket expenses.
- Billing **will not** affect any services your child receives outside of the school.
- Billing **will not** decrease lifetime coverage.

3. What student information is shared in the Medicaid billing process?

All Ohio Medicaid School Program claims are transmitted electronically to the Ohio Department of Medicaid for processing. The data that is sent is over 15 lines long and the data is not recognizable to most people. Here is a sample of what this data looks like:

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782L1~LX*~SV1*HC:92508*30.43*UN*1***1~DTP*472*D8*20150915~REF*6R*2  
508*30.43*UN*1***1~DTP*472*D8*20150929~REF*6R*282393e4202782I3~SE*
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When a school district goes through a Medicaid Audit, certain records are verified to make certain that services were provided and documented appropriately. These audits are performed by a CPA firm, or a State or Federal auditor. They include, but are not limited to:

- Verify that the service was properly listed on the IEP.
- Verify that an evaluation was properly completed.
- Verify that the therapist is properly licensed.
- Verify that the IEP was properly signed.
- Verify that the student was in attendance.

Ohio school districts are governed by HIPAA, FERPA, and IDEA, which have very strict rules regarding the sharing of protected health information. School districts and billing vendors work very hard to safeguard all student information.

HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

FERPA – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Act

Thank you in advance for helping your school district access this valuable funding.

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