



AN OVERVIEW OF EXPANDED OPTIONS FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT OF SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

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Please put your questions in Q&A

What changes are being planned for school-based services?



Expanding options for schools

- DMAS is working with Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to expand the options for schools to seek cost-based reimbursement
- Currently limited to services provided to students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) (with some exceptions)



Planning to expand reimbursement for costs of providing services to all students – provided all Medicaid-required criteria are met.



Currently, DMAS can only reimburse schools for costs of providing services to students with a special education IEP.



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Under this expansion, divisions will have the option to also include costs of providing services to general education students.

Expanding options for schools



Plan to add licensed school counselors, licensed substance abuse treatment practitioners, licensed behavior analysts, assistant behavior analysts and behavior therapy technicians to the list of professionals whose time may be reimbursed.



Plan to allow schools to include the costs associated with adaptive behavior therapy services in cost settlement.

Expanding options for schools



Nursing, behavioral health – some additional options for including costs here, too.



Existing services currently allowed (for cost reporting) for students with an IEP will be allowed for all general education students. (SLP, OT, PT, Audiology, Behavioral Health, Nursing, Personal Care, Physician/PA/NP.

Exception: Expenses for specialized transportation costs may only be included for students with IEP.



- To enroll with DMAS as a referring provider of school-based services, one must be licensed by:
 - Virginia Board of Health Professions (VBHP), or
 - Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)



These additional VBHP professionals will be able to enroll as referring providers:

- Board-certified behavior analyst
- Board-certified assistant behavior analyst
- Substance abuse treatment professional



These additional DOE-licensed professionals will be able to enroll as referring providers:

- DOE License with endorsement as:
 - School psychologist
 - School social worker
 - School counselor



Expanding options for schools

- Schools can continue to claim costs for services delivered to students based on the student's IEP, and



Schools will be able to claim costs for services delivered to students based on:

- A plan of care document developed and signed by a licensed provider,
- Results of a screening, assessment or evaluation documented in the student's service record, or
- In the case of emergent or acute care (unplanned) nursing, and behavioral health providers a progress note will suffice.

Is there an IEP?



Reimbursement rates will be figured separately

If no IEP, then:



- A licensed person has determined that *the service is needed to ensure the student's safety and/or ability to participate in learning in the school setting.*

If no IEP, then:



- There is a plan of care* written by a licensed provider that includes the covered service.

*Plan of care, treatment plan, intervention plan

If no IEP, then:



- Exceptions to the Plan of Care requirements:
 - Health screenings do not require a plan of care.
 - Assessments and evaluations do not require a plan of care
 - Unplanned, “crisis” services do not require a plan of care (when performed and documented by a licensed professional.

Link to draft manuals here:

- ❑ <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/providers/general-information/medicaid-provider-manual-drafts/>
- ❑ Comments and feedback can be emailed to Rebecca no later than May 11 at
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In conclusion...

Additional training sessions are being planned.



Q&A