

# Medicaid Schools

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## Special Interests

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- 504 and IHP Services Data
- School Mental Health
- IDOE Learning Connection

### Check Out the Latest Editions Online!

**Medicaid Billing Tool Kit:**  
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**Medicaid Billing Guide:**  
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**Medicaid (IEP and MAC) Reimbursements Report:**  
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**Learning Connection:**  
[IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community](#) - your online connection to School-based Medicaid Announcements, Files & Bookmarks, Forum Discussions and an Events Calendar.

## Let the IEP Be Your Guide

Medicaid in Schools newsletter topics often derive from schools' frequently asked questions. As clarified in a recent Forum post in the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on Learning Connection, Indiana school corporations are encouraged to consult the Medicaid-enrolled student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) to determine the appropriate amount, duration and frequency of covered IEP-required services to bill to Medicaid.

In Indiana, the state Medicaid agency recognizes the Medicaid-enrolled student's IEP as the "prior authorization" required for covered services that a Medicaid-participating school corporation furnishes to that special education student. See the blue text box at the end of Section 2.5.1. and item 4. under Section 2.4.1. as well as Sections 2.5.3., 2.5.7. and the Plan of Care discussions in each of the service-specific chapters (Chapters 3-9) of the *Medicaid Billing Tool Kit*, online at <http://www.doe.in.gov/specialed/school-based-medicaid>. A technical assistance manual for Indiana school corporations, this school-friendly "tool kit" discusses Medicaid coverage and reimbursement policies applicable to IEP-required services such as occupational, physical and speech therapies, nursing and behavioral/mental health

services, audiology and specialized transportation services.

In general, results of federal and state audits of school-based Medicaid claims indicate that reviewers tend toward very literal interpretations of policies that define coverage in terms of what is "authorized" or "listed" in or "provided pursuant to" a student's IEP. In an effort to help schools minimize their risks for adverse audit findings, Indiana's *Medicaid Billing Tool Kit* for IEP Services encourages schools to: "bill Medicaid only in accordance with the frequency described in the student's IEP or plan of care."

Want more details? A search for "school" audit findings by the Office of Inspector General [<http://www.oig.hhs.gov/oas/cms.asp>] allows the curious to review commonly identified claiming errors (which include "services not authorized in the student's IEP") and the corresponding Medicaid reimbursement refund recommendations.

For a state auditor's perspective, see this Michigan presentation on school-based services audits: <https://mphweb.ungerboeck.com/Documents/SBSC/Audit%20Perspective%20-%20Student%20Claims.pdf>.

## Newsletter Fall 2015

### Did you know?

- All are welcome to join the new IDOE Learning Connection Community for Teachers Who Work w/Students with Disabilities"
- 2016 IndianaMAC quarterly sign-up deadlines are posted at the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community Calendar & Forum on Learning Connection
- The 2016 At-Risk Youth National Forum will be in Myrtle Beach, SC Feb 14-17, 2016; details online at [dropoutprevention.org/conferences/](http://dropoutprevention.org/conferences/)
- As of Nov. 2015, 142 IN public school corps claim Medicaid \$ for IEP direct services; 125 participate in Medicaid Administrative Claiming (aka IndianaMAC)

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### IDOE Seeks Data On 504 Accommodations and IHP Services

Does your public school district, charter or state school maintain records on the number, type and costs of the medical services required per students' Individualized Healthcare Plans (IHPs), 504 Accommodations Plans and any other such plans through which the school furnishes medically necessary services to a student while he or she is attending school? To

assist in school-based Medicaid related public policy analysis, the IDOE seeks input from the field to demonstrate the extent to which Indiana public schools are furnishing "free care" to students who have health care coverage through the Medicaid and CHIP (state Children's Health Insurance program), both of which are also known as "Hoosier Healthwise."

If it is readily available, please share aggregated (not student-specific) data regarding how many and what types of 504 and IHP services (i.e., PT, Speech, Nursing, Psych) your district provides and the associated costs. Data can be emailed to IDOE School-based Medicaid Specialist Tracy Brunner at [tbrunner@doe.in.gov](mailto:tbrunner@doe.in.gov).

### Coming Soon: Online School Mental Health Resource Library

In response to requests from educators, school clinicians, parents and other concerned adults who serve children and teens in Indiana, IDOE is working with other agencies and stakeholders to develop an online library of mental health resources for schools, parents and other community partners. Watch for announcements in IDOE Learning Connection communities and newsletters for details about the implementation date and where to find this new tool on the internet.

Until the new library is available online, anyone with an IDOE Learning Connection account can access "[Resources to HELP STUDENTS: Behavioral/](#)

[Mental Health Promotion, Support & Treatment Services](#)" at the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community Files and Bookmarks tab. This folder offers school mental health information as well as links to local, state and national resources for schools interested to develop or expand mental health programs and services for students. Topics include PBIS (positive behavioral intervention and support), suicide prevention, trauma, addiction and substance abuse. This folder also contains information on funding possibilities, free and low cost training and a variety of technical assistance resources. One of the latest additions is information on the new National

Center of Excellence for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation, which will "help provide ... effective tools and resources to child care centers, Head Start and Early Head Start programs" to promote healthy development of children in their formative years.

So that your experiences and successes can be shared with all schools and their community partners, please forward information about school-based and school-linked mental health services and programs to:

[tbrunner@doe.in.gov](mailto:tbrunner@doe.in.gov)

or

[ksievers@doe.in.gov](mailto:ksievers@doe.in.gov)

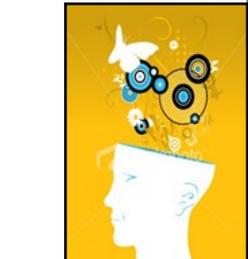
### New IDOE Learning Connection Communities and Resources

If you have not yet discovered it, visit the new IDOE Learning Connection Community for "Teachers Who Work with Students with Disabilities." All are welcome to join and help themselves to the information posted at this community's Forum, Files and Bookmarks, Calendar and Announcements tabs.

New resources are available at

other IDOE Learning Connection Communities as well. Examples include: discussion of HEA 1194 (High School Diploma) requirements at the IDOE-Special Education Administrators Community; a list of DOE Contacts for Data Providers and Others in the IDOE-Data Collection Community; a December newsletter at the IDOE-School Nurse Community; and a link to the new Indiana

Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Resource Guide — with information on Child Care, Nutrition, Health Coverage and Services, Financial Services, Employment, Housing and Transportation programs and benefits — at the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community. Not a member? Search by community name and click [Join Community](#).



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The Indiana Department of Education provides technical assistance to Medicaid-participating public school corporations and charter schools. The Department also offers insight and information to schools interested in Medicaid claiming opportunities. Please visit the Department's Web site for free downloadable handbooks, brochures, form templates, slide presentations, reports, quarterly newsletters, and other resources. At left is a link to IDOE's School-based Medicaid Web page, along with contact information for IDOE staff who can answer questions and provide additional information about federal Medicaid matching funds available for school-based services and activities.

All are welcome to become members of the IDOE Medicaid in Schools Community on the Learning Connection. Contact your school corporation's Learning Connection administrator for access.



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### Conference Connections: Medicaid and Special Education

**National Alliance for Medicaid in Education (NAME) annual conference**  
Sept 19-21, 2016  
Boseman, MT  
[medicaidforeducation.org](http://medicaidforeducation.org)

**Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) national convention**  
April 13-16, 2016  
St. Louis, MO  
<http://www.ceconvention.org/>

### Across the Nation

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) encourages schools and their local community partners to apply for a **new funding opportunity designed to support outreach and enrollment assistance to families with children who may be eligible for Medicaid and CHIP** (CHIP is the state Children's Health Insurance Program). Grant awards for this purpose will range from \$250,000 to \$1 million over a two-year period. **The deadline to submit applications is January 20, 2016.** Full details are available online at <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/professionals/funding/index.html> and <http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/downloads/factsheet-cycleiv-connectingkidstocoverage.pdf>.

Please direct all questions regarding the new "Connecting Kids to Coverage"

funding opportunity to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services at: [CMS\\_TA@granreview.org](mailto:CMS_TA@granreview.org).

Learn how to help students and families find affordable health coverage at <http://www.healthreformbeyondthebasics.org/cbpp-webinar-assisting-consumers-in-plan-comparison/>

Beginning October 7, 2015, IDOE's School-based Medicaid Specialist Tracy Brunner is the President of the **National Alliance for Medicaid in Education** for a one-year term. This officer then serves a one-year term as Immediate Past President of NAME.

