

Medicaid School-Based Services

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SBS Program Purpose

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The primary purpose of Medicaid School-Based Services is to **maximize federal dollars** contributed to the School Foundation Account.

No other reason to do SBS, since:

- Schools already provide the services;
- Medicaid billing adds administrative cost to both State and districts.

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In addition to making SBS mandatory for larger school districts, SBS can be further maximized along two dimensions:

- ◆ **Eligible children.** Broaden SBS coverage to CHIP as well as Medicaid
- ◆ **Covered services.**
 - Additional IEP/IFSP services
 - Free care services as covered services

CHIP

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- Children's Insurance Program (CHIP) services mirror those of Medicaid.
 - ◆ Eligibility from 155% FPL to 200% FPL for ages 0-5.
 - ◆ Eligibility from 134% FPL to 200% FPL for ages 6-18.
- Utilization will not increase since services are being rendered anyway.
- Potential for a **~10% increase** in SBS participation, and thus federal reimbursement.

IEP/IFSP Services

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- Updated CMS guidance allows SBS to include **transportation** and **personal care** services.
 - ◆ Services will need to be authorized in the student's IEP/IFSP
 - ◆ Already common practice in neighboring states
- By including these services, covered providers can be extended to transportation aides, qualified bus aides, and qualified personal care aides.

Free Care Services

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- **Free care services** are services provided to the entire student population, whether or not they have an IEP or IFSP. Examples include:
 - ◆ School nurse and immunization services
 - ◆ Behavioral health services
 - ◆ Screenings and assessments for vision, hearing, scoliosis
 - ◆ Section 504 Plans
- As with other SBS services, these are already being provided. Billing Medicaid simply facilitates federal match.

Recommended Bill Changes

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- Remove “special education” and replace with **“Medicaid eligible services”**
 - ◆ Broadens services for which we can gain federal match
 - ◆ Allows program to align with services allowable by CMS without statutory changes needed
 - ◆ Will not impact current utilization, only increases the amount of federal match available
- Will require changes to W.S. 21-13-321(h) and (j), and W.S. 42-4-103(a) (xxxvi)

Recommended Bill Changes

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- Add in Medicaid “**and CHIP**” eligible students
 - ◆ Eligibility for SBS will increase approximately 10%
 - ◆ No change to utilization, will only increase federal match available
- Will require changes to W.S. 21-13-321(h) and (j), and W.S. 42-4-103(a) (xxxvi)