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IHCP updates school-based services policy

In accordance with *House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1192*, the Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is expanding the mandated federal and state educational plans that can authorize coverage of medically necessary school-based Medicaid services. Effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after July 1, 2023, IHCP reimbursement is available for mandated school-based services when provided pursuant to a Medicaid-enrolled student's educational program or plan as required by the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)* or Section 504 of the federal *Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (United States Code 29 USC 794)*. Services may be pursuant to any of the following:

- An individualized education program (as defined in *Indiana Code IC 20-18-2-9*)
- A plan developed under Section 504 of the federal *Rehabilitation Act, 29 USC 794*
- A behavioral intervention plan (as defined in *IC 20-20-40-1*)
- A service plan developed under *Indiana Administrative Code 511 IAC 7-34*
- An individualized health care plan



Covered services must be medically necessary, included in the Indiana Medicaid State Plan, and listed in (or required for developing) a student's educational program or plan and delivered by a qualified provider within their scope of practice. Examples might include:

- Mandated school nursing services by a nurse who is employed by or contracts with a school corporation
- Behavioral health services, including assessments and evaluations
- Speech/language pathology and hearing services
- Physical and occupational therapy
- Applied behavior analysis (ABA) therapy
- Mandated school transportation services on dates of another covered educational plan service

Licensed school psychologists

The IHCP is also clarifying that Department of Education (DoE)-licensed school psychologists are qualified providers to supervise or approve services associated with a Medicaid-enrolled student's educational program or plan as required by the IDEA or Section 504 of the federal *Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794)*, when provided within their scope of practice under *IC 20-28-1-11*.

Prior authorization requirements

All mandated school services provided by a public school and contained in an approved educational program or plan identified above are exempt from IHCP prior authorization (PA) requirements. The educational program or plan serves as PA for the service provided.

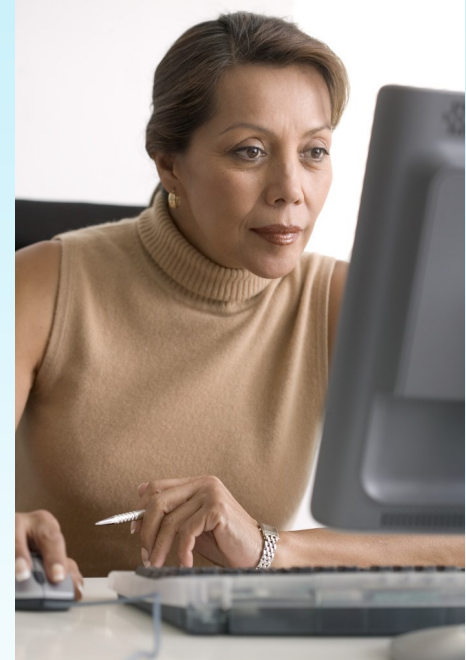
Billing information

All covered services must be billed under the National Provider Identifier (NPI) of the IHCP-enrolled school corporation rather than that of the specific practitioner who rendered the service. IHCP-enrolled public school corporations may submit claims to the IHCP for reimbursement of all covered services identified in a student's educational program or plan. Mandated school-based services must be billed by providers with specialty 120 – *School Corporation* using the professional claim (CMS-1500 claim form, IHCP Provider Healthcare Portal professional claim or 837P electronic transaction). The school corporation enters its NPI in the billing provider field on the claim and, if opting to enter a rendering provider number, should use the school corporation NPI in that field, as well.

When billing mandated school-based services, modifier TM must be attached to the end of all billing codes to identify the service as related to mandated school-based services. For general IHCP billing and claim-submission instructions, see the [Claim Submission and Processing](#) provider reference module at in.gov/medicaid/providers.

Because mandated school-based services are carved out of the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect and Hoosier Healthwise managed care programs, school corporation providers must not submit claims for school-based services to the student's managed care entity (MCE). Instead, school corporation providers must submit all claims to the IHCP fee-for-service (FFS) claim processor, Gainwell Technologies, either electronically or at the following address:

Gainwell – CMS-1500 Claims
P.O. Box 7269
Indianapolis, IN 46207-7269



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