

UNDERSTANDING ESA & MEDICAID WAIVERS

Q: My Child is receiving a Medicaid Waiver. Do they still qualify for an ESA?

A: Yes! While an Education Scholarship Account (ESA) and a Medicaid waiver have some overlap in terms of the services they cover, they serve different functions when helping your child succeed.

Recipients of a Medicaid waiver may also apply for an Education Scholarship Account (ESA). An ESA may be used to purchase qualified expenses related to education, while a Medicaid waiver is designed to cover other categories of services. For more information regarding waivers, visit:

<https://www.in.gov/medicaid/members/home-and-community-based-services>.

Check with both an INESA coordinator and your child's waiver program coordinator or care manager if you have a question about what is considered a qualified expense for each program.



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What is Covered?

Education Saving Account

- Tuition & Fees at a qualified school
- Fees for assessments and examinations
- Individual classes, extracurriculars, and vocational programs
- Tuition and fees at a camp or program focusing on vocational, academic, life, soft job skills, or independence

Potential Overlap

- Behavioral Support Services
- Therapies outlined in IEP/ISP
 - Speech & Language Pathology
 - ABA
 - OT/PT
 - Art & Music Therapy
- Transportation

Medicaid Waiver

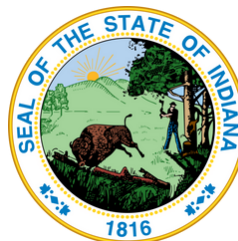
- Adult Day Services
- Case Management
- Respite
- Home/Vehicle Modification
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Live-In Caregiver
- Family/Caregiver Training

*** This is not an exhaustive list. Please consult your program's case manager with questions. ****

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