



STATE OF WASHINGTON
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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School-Based Health Care Services for Children in Special Education

OVERVIEW:

Washington State [School-Based HealthCare Services \(SBHS\)](#) program reimburses school districts for Medicaid-covered health care-related services provided to Medicaid-eligible children in Special Education between the ages of 3 – 21 years of age. SBHS is provided to a child with a disability in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B. SBHS services must address the physical and/or mental disabilities of the child and be included in the child's current Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

PURPOSE:

School districts who contract with the Health Care Authority (the Agency) receive reimbursement for health care-related services provided consistent with [Section 1903\(c\)](#) of the Social Security Act. The services must do all of the following:

1. Identify, treat, and manage the education-related disabilities (i.e., mental, emotional, and physically);
2. Be prescribed or recommended by a licensed health care provider; and
3. Be medically necessary.

Health care-related services must be developmental, corrective, and provide other support services required to assist a Medicaid-eligible child to benefit from the program. For the purpose of the SBHS program, health care-related services include:

- Audiology services
- Counseling services
- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy services
- Physical therapy services
- Psychological assessment
- Speech-language therapy services

LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS:

School districts are responsible for ensuring their health care providers meet federal and state licensing requirements. Licensing requirements for the State of Washington can be found on the [Department of Health \(DOH\)](#) website. Licensed health care providers must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number through the [National Plan and Provider Enumeration System \(NPPES\)](#). Once licensure and NPI numbers have been acquired, districts must enroll the servicing providers under the district's billing NPI number.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT:

To receive payment from the Agency for providing health care-related services to Medicaid-eligible children, a school district must:

- Have a current and signed core provider agreement (CPA) with the Agency.
- Have a current, signed, and executed interagency agreement with the Agency.
- Bill according to the Agency's current, published [SBHS Medicaid Provider Guide \(MPG\)](#), the SBHS [fee schedule](#), and through an [intergovernmental transfer \(IGT\) process](#).
- Provide only health care-related services identified through an IEP.
- Use only licensed health care professionals as described in WAC [182-537-0350](#).
- Meet documentation requirements outlined in WAC [182-537-0700](#).