

## VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS MEDICAID FACT SHEET

- What is Medicaid?
  - Medicaid helps people who cannot afford medical care. These are people who:
    - have low income, or
    - have limited savings accounts and other assets
  - Medicaid is different in every state, but each state decides
    - who qualifies for Medicaid
    - what services will be covered
    - how much to pay for the services
    - how to run the Medicaid program
- Medicaid reimburses school districts for certain Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)-related medically necessary services provided to eligible children. The Medicaid agency also reimburses school districts for activities conducted that assist in the administration of the Medicaid program. The program through which reimbursement to school districts is available is known as the Medicaid Certified School Match Program (MCSM).
- The MCSM program consists of two components:
  - reimbursement for direct services (known as fee-for-service)
  - reimbursement for administrative activities (known as school district administrative claiming)
- Through the MCSM Program, school districts in Florida may enroll as Medicaid providers and receive reimbursement from Medicaid for:
  - therapy services (speech/language, occupational, physical)
  - behavioral services
  - nursing services
  - transportation
- The School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Program
  - Participation in the SDAC Program allows school districts to be reimbursed for costs associated with activities performed related to the administration of the Medicaid program.
  - These activities performed by school district staff may include Medicaid outreach, eligibility intake, information/referral, coordination/monitoring of health services, and interagency coordination.
- Services include but are not limited to:
  - Speech
  - Language
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Physical Therapy
  - Initial Evaluations
  - Re-Evaluations
  - Social History
  - Counseling as a Related Service
  - Transportation
  - Nursing

- Why parents should say “YES” to Medicaid on the IEP?
  - Services provided by the school district are free to the student
  - Does not change/impact services provided
  - Reimburses the school district for Medicaid eligible services
  - Does not change/impact Medicaid qualification
  - Helps pay the salaries of the service providers
  - Even if you are not Medicaid eligible now, you may be in the future

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