

FREE CARE IN SCHOOLS

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SCHOOL BASED SERVICES PROGRAM

- Medicaid eligible student with an IEP
- All services within the IEP are deemed medically necessary
- School is the billing provider
- Medicaid cost settles with the schools

FREE CARE

- CMS prohibits billing Medicaid for care provided free to non-Medicaid members
- Except when provided by certain safety net organizations
- Schools are safety net organizations
- Care provided to all students for free can be billed to Medicaid for those student who are Medicaid eligible.

RESTRICTIONS

- Must be Medically Necessary
- Provided by a licensed provider
- Must be free to all students regardless of ability to pay

ADVANTAGES

- Allows schools to provide needed behavioral and physical health services to students
- Allows each district to design for services needed in their area
- Allows students to receive needed services without leaving school
- Increases school attendance
- Gives schools more access to federal funding

EFFECTIVE DATES

- State plan amendment to be approved in October, effective from August 1, 2019.
- Cost settlements for Free Care services not available until August 1, 2020.

QUESTIONS