Kentucky School-Based Medicaid Billing

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- Historically able to bill for student IEP services
- December, 2014 CMS changed ruling
- April, 2019 KY submitted state plan amendment
- November, 2019 the SPA was approved
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- KY 1 of 18 states currently participating
- Part of a national learning collaborative
- Local Education Agencies enroll as Medicaid providers
- Can bill for any service that is medically necessary
- Nurses and APRNs are included among those eligible to bill for services
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- Can help support having nurses in schools
- Can help support having additional health providers
- Challenges- history of structure for billing in the state
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- KNA School Nurse Task Force did a survey of school nurses in February, 2022
- Looking at their work during COVID-19 pandemic
- 149 respondents
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- Representing 78 districts
- 79% of responders were RNs
- 60% said they had a nurse all day—every day for schools
- 38% said their district was participating in expanded Medicaid billing
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- 30% did not know if their district was participating in expanded Medicaid billing
- 62% reported they had to perform contact tracing for their district
Opportunities

- Funding support for school nurses and other health services for children
- Care for those children who are not regularly accessing the health care system
- Bridge between family and health care system
Challenges

- Consent for services
- Few training opportunities for nurses
- Nursing services are limited
- Decisions are made without nursing at the table
- Focus has been on mental health
- Coordination between groups
- Calendars
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