

School-Based Health Services in Oklahoma*

The School-Based Health Services (SBHS) program authorizes school districts in Oklahoma to enroll as a Medicaid health service provider.

Once enrolled in the SBHS program, school districts can be reimbursed for certain health-related services in the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) of students who are enrolled in SoonerCare. Because Medicaid is jointly funded by federal and state governments, effective October 2019 school districts may be reimbursed approximately 66% (federal share) of the claim dollars approved by Medicaid.

Administering SBHS

Since the start of the 2017-18 school year, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) has been responsible for the SBHS program, overseeing program practices and policies as well as administering the program statewide with support from Public Consulting Group (PCG).

SBHS Program Updates

To encourage district participation in the SBHS program, OSDE has worked closely with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to make the following program updates:

- There is no longer a need to obtain a separate Prior Authorization, except for Personal Care Services.
- The IEP now serves as the required Physician Authorization for Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy. A separate Physician Authorization is only required for Physical Therapy.
- Signed, written Parent Consent will be required only once prior to billing Medicaid (no longer needed each year).
- School-based therapy claims will not be denied because a student is also receiving private therapy.

Types of Services Reimbursed

- ✔ Hearing and Vision
- ✔ Nursing
- ✔ Occupational Therapy and Evaluations
- ✔ Personal Care
- ✔ Physical Therapy and Evaluations
- ✔ Psychological Evaluation and Testing
- ✔ Psychotherapy
- ✔ Speech Language Therapy and Evaluations
- ✔ Therapeutic Behavioral



BY THE NUMBERS

90%

Over 90% of OK school districts are missing out on subsidizing the provision of medical service with appropriate Medicaid reimbursement

\$605

Average annual reimbursement per Medicaid student meeting all billing requirements

\$870k

Medicaid agency (OHCA) approved \$869,731 in claims for 2018-2019 school year

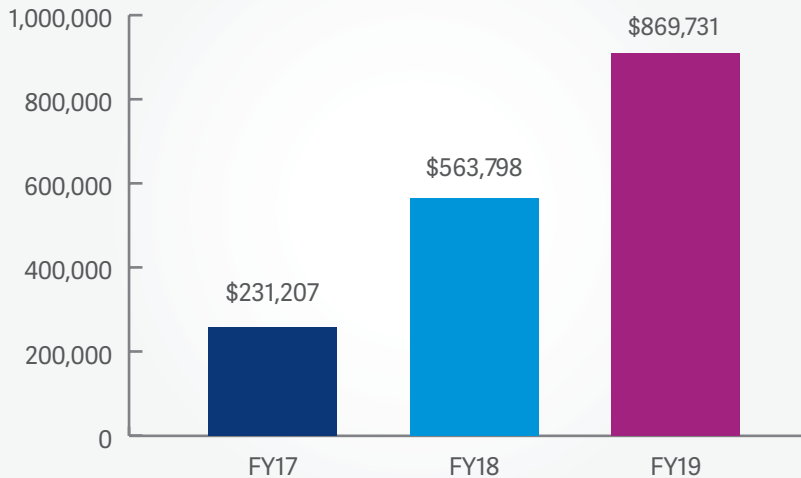
“My therapists don’t have to worry about Medicaid billing: they simply document services in OK EDPlan™. This enables them to focus on their students and service delivery. PCG does all of the billing and provides outstanding support! They make it very easy to bill.”

— Broken Arrow Public Schools, Director of Special Education and Compliance

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Statewide Reimbursement



“The built in compliance checks, efficient reporting system and close communications with PCG representatives have allowed our district to enhance the efficiency and safeguards of Medicaid documentation and billing processes for our school district.”

-- Bixby Public Schools, Speech Pathologist/Speech & Related Services Compliance Coordinator

“This program has made billing Medicaid so much easier because everything is streamlined (IEP goals, billing services, evaluations) allowing the therapist to go to one place instead of multiple to bill. Now the therapist can spend more time serving students and less time on paperwork. ”

-- Poteau Public Schools, Director of Special Education

Benefits of SBHS Program Participation



Streamlined documentation processes

All health-related service records and claim support documentation uniformly maintained in a single, secure web-based repository.



Enhanced billing and reporting capabilities

Integrated solutions help ensure that only services included on a current, valid IEP and that meet all other federal and state compliance validations are billed and reimbursed. A portfolio of reports that drive greater compliance and revenue.



Increased compliance and access to structured training

Training and support provided by a single point of contact will increase compliance through a consistent approach with ongoing guidance and monitoring.



Improved efficiency of health providers

Increased health-related provider work productivity.



National claiming expertise and perspective

A partner to help identify potential issues, implement required changes, explore opportunities to expand and make the program more efficient.

For more information about the SBHS program, contact us today.

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