

## Expanding School-Based Health Services (SBHS) in Oklahoma with Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)

Is your district receiving Medicaid reimbursement associated with MAC functions? If not, you may be leaving additional federal dollars behind.



Oklahoma's SBHS program authorizes school districts to enroll as a Medicaid health service provider. Districts enrolled in the SBHS program may now also be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement for administrative activities that support health-related services provided to students.

If your school district is enrolled in the SBHS program and submitted fee-for-service (FFS) claims, you can also be reimbursed for certain administrative functions such as outreach, coordination, referral, and training activities that support health-related services provided to your students. Effective October 2021 school districts may be reimbursed additional federal dollars for these activities that your staff are already performing in schools.

### 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

OSDE has worked closely with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to expand the SBHS program to include MAC claiming. By participating in MAC, your district will recover federal Medicaid reimbursement for administrative functions some of your district staff are already performing to support the health needs of your students. Managing the MAC program requires less of a time commitment than other SBHS program areas.

#### Basic District Requirements:

- ✓ Identify district staff or contractors who routinely do MAC activities
- ✓ Participate in a quarterly statewide time study (average time for participants to respond is less than 5 minutes)
- ✓ Report quarterly allowable costs
- ✓ Assign a district point of contact to support MAC program functions

**If your district participates in FFS and is interested in increasing your Medicaid reimbursement, contact PCG today to get started. More information about FFS participation is provided on the following page.**

# School-Based Health Services in **Oklahoma**

## School-Based Health Services (SBHS) in Oklahoma: Fee-for-Service (FFS)

Oklahoma districts may be reimbursed approximate 66% (federal share) of the claim dollars approved by Medicaid based on health services rendered to SoonerCare enrolled students who have these services appropriately prescribed in their Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

### 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

## SBHS Program Updates

OSDE, OHCA and PCG have worked hard over the last few years to support the following program updates to help improve the administration of FFS claiming.

- There is no longer a need to obtain a separate Prior Authorization, expect 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.

## 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 Oklahoma's SBHS program, including FFS and MAC participation, contact PCG today..**

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