

DOCUMENTATION NEEDED WHEN APPLYING FOR AN ACCESS CARD

Information is needed for ALL MEMBERS living within the household (Parents and Children):

- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card or print out from Social Security Office
- Driver's License (if applicable)
- Health Insurance Cards
- Voters Registration cards (in place of driver's license for citizenship)
- Wages for the last 30 days
- Child support (if applicable)
- Lease or deed
- Citizenship papers- passport or VISA
- Residency utility bill is permissible (if no driver's license)
- Car Insurance Number and date of expiration

We apply for the special needs students based on their disability. The student does not need to be receiving SSI to qualify for a medical ACCESS card.

Should you need assistance please contact Jackie Shanahan, ACCESS Coordinator @ 610-461-6700, Ext. 1282.
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PARENT RESOURCE

Parent's Guide to ACCESS:

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojdp/grants/226229.pdf>

This pocket guide is designed to provide parents and guardians additional information on the Pennsylvania Medicaid Program for children in partnership with school districts.

More information can be located on the PDE Website.

GLOSSARY TERMS

MA: Authorized by the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage act of 1988 which made State Educational Agencies eligible for federal reimbursement for the related services they provide to students who have *Medical Assistance*.

IDEA: The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* is a four-part piece of American legislation that ensures students with a disability are provided with Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) that is tailored to their individual needs.

FERPA: The *Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act* is a federal privacy laws that gives parents certain protections with regard to their children's education records, such as report cards, transcripts, disciplinary records, contact and family information and class schedules.

IEA: *Local Education Agency.* The IEA is the representative of the school district that referred the student to special education services.

IEP: *Individualized Education Program.* An IEP is a written plan for the provision of services for the education of students who are disabled or gifted. The district has a responsibility under *Child Find* for children "though to be" eligible for special education services and/or accommodations.

CHILD FIND: Is a legal requirement that schools finds all children who have disabilities and who may be entitled to special education services. *Child Find* covers every child from birth through age 21. The school must evaluate any child that it knows or suspects may have a disability.

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School Based ACCESS Program - Health Care Coverage



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Interboro School District

Interboro School District provides a challenging and supportive learning environment for all students to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally while becoming college and career ready citizens within a global community.



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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

For students with disabilities, schools must provide medical services that are necessary for them to get an education as part of their special education plans, and Medicaid pays for these services for eligible children. Medicaid's role in schools goes beyond special education, as it also pays for health services that all children need, such as vision and dental screenings, when they are provided in schools to Medicaid-eligible children. Schools can also help enroll eligible but un-enrolled children in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and connect them to other health care services and providers. Medicaid also helps schools by reducing special education and other health care-related costs, freeing up funding in state and school budgets to help advance other education initiatives.

Medicaid's role in schools goes beyond ensuring that students with disabilities have access to the medical services they need to succeed. Medicaid provides support for health care services delivered in school, which benefit all children — not just those enrolled in Medicaid. In a recent survey of school superintendents, almost half reported that they use the reimbursement their districts receive for services provided to Medicaid-eligible children to expand health-related services and supplies.

Over half of surveyed school superintendents reported that they had taken steps to increase Medicaid enrollment of children in their schools. Medicaid reimburses schools for their outreach and enrollment activities, which helps both students and schools. Children gain coverage, which helps them stay healthy and succeed in school, and Medicaid reimbursement allows schools to expand health care services and programs.

FOR PARENTS/FAMILIES

What is the School Based ACCESS Program?

Local Education Agencies (LEAs or Districts) are eligible to receive federal Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary services provided to their special education students when the services meet the requirements of the state's Medicaid program and are provided in accordance with the students' IEP.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) require schools to obtain written parental consent to share students' education and health-related records such as IEPs and Evaluation Reports.

In addition to the Medicaid-covered services your child receives as part of his/her IEP, MA will continue to pay for medically necessary, Medicaid-covered services that are provided to your child outside of school.

Some children may receive therapy through special education at school, and Medicaid supplements those services by covering additional therapies that are necessary for a child to function outside of school, at home and in the community.

For children with chronic needs, Medicaid covers long-term care services, such as private duty nursing, attendant care, and assistive technology, that help children with special health care needs remain at home with their families.

It also offers non-emergency medical transportation to appointments and case management through which a social worker coordinates medical, social, and other services for children with multiple needs.

Medicaid can serve as the child's primary or secondary insurance.

Benefits for your Child and Family

This federal Medicaid program can help pay for your child's:

- Doctor visits, hospitalization, x-rays, lab tests, and prescription drugs
- Behavioral health needs
- Dental (braces), hearing, and vision care (eyeglasses)
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapy
- Medical equipment and supplies

Medicaid Has Long-Term Benefits for Kids

Children who are eligible for Medicaid health coverage:

-  do better in school,
-  miss fewer school days due to illness or injury,
-  are more likely to finish high school, attend college, and graduate from college,
-  have fewer emergency-room visits and hospitalizations as adults, and
-  earn more as adults.

LEARN HOW YOUR CHILD'S PUBLIC PROGRAMS CAN HELP.

For assistance with completing the ACCESS Health Care coverage paperwork or for any questions or concerns, please contact

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