

Parental Consent

School-Based Services Expanded Access

Providing health services in the school setting allows children to remain in the learning environment while accessing essential health care that supports learning and development. Since students are already at school, families avoid common barriers such as transportation challenges, time off work, and scheduling difficulties. By providing timely and accessible care, these services help ensure that children’s health needs are met without disrupting their education. Healthy children are better prepared to learn, and access to school-based health services may contribute to reduced absenteeism and stronger academic engagement.

Questions	Answers
What are School Based Services?	Medicaid school-based health services under the Expanded Access program are medically necessary health services that are provided to children who are eligible under Medicaid and offered to ALL students at no cost to families. Expanded Access helps more students receive services while also providing a funding source to the school district.
Will my child/children have access to services through Expanded Access?	Yes, ALL school children are covered under Expanded Access/Free Care.
If my Child is in the Individualized Education Program (IEP), should my child still participate in Expanded Access?	Yes. If a student has an IEP, Medicaid may only pay for specific services that are listed in the IEP. Those students may also qualify for school- based health services through the Expanded Access program and will be able to receive services that are not in the IEP.
What are the types of Services offered?	<u>Schools have the option of providing the following services:</u> Audiology • Behavioral Health Services • Nursing Services • Lab work/Test • Vaccines Occupational Therapy • Physical Therapy • Respiratory Therapy • Speech – Language It is optional for each school to participate and offer all services as they are not guaranteed. Make sure to communicate with your school about the services you want them to provide.
Why should a school district bill Medicaid for medically necessary health services received at school?	Billing for Medicaid-covered services provides an important source of funding for school districts, allowing districts to meet critical student health needs without diverting resources from educational programs.
Will these services cost me anything?	No. The school district cannot require you to pay anything regarding the cost of health-related services. These will not affect your child’s lifetime coverage or other Medicaid benefits; nor will it limit your family’s use of benefits outside of school.

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<p>Why do I need to sign the Parental Consent forms for treatment and billing?</p>	<p>Parental Consent gives the school permission to provide health services throughout the school year when medically necessary. Without consent to treat services cannot be provided. Consent to bill Medicaid will also allow the school district to seek partial reimbursement of Medicaid covered services rendered. You have the right to withdraw your permission at any time.</p>
<p>Will signing the Parental Consent Form interfere with my child's coverage outside of the school setting?</p>	<p>No, receiving health services in school does not prevent your child from receiving health services outside of the school. Signing the parental consent form only authorizes your child's school to provide medically necessary health services.</p>
<p>Do schools need parental consent to bill Medicaid?</p>	<p>Yes, schools are required to receive consent to bill Medicaid. The Kentucky Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), KRS 160.700, requires parental consent before disclosing information about a student. This includes providing information to Medicaid.</p>
<p>Can I change my mind?</p>	<p>Yes, you can withdraw your consent at any time or provide consent at a later date as well.</p>
<p>Do I have to Consent to Treat and Consent to Bill?</p>	<p>Yes. You must Consent to treat, meaning you must give permission to a Specific medical service or treatment after given the benefits and risks that come with it. After the treatment you then must Consent to Bill, meaning that you then give your permission for the provider to bill or submit claims to Medicaid. They are both separate forms.</p>

You may contact the Kentucky SBHS at shineky@ky.gov for further questions or speak to your school administrator.