

Recent changes regarding Florida Medicaid's Certified School Match program and school-based services

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Good afternoon,

We are sending this email to communicate recent changes regarding Florida Medicaid's Certified School Match program and school-based services. The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) has implemented these in response to recent federal and State policy and statutory changes.

Florida Medicaid School-Based Services

The Agency currently administers the following three programs for Florida Medicaid school-based services:

- Medicaid Certified School Match program
- Medicaid school-based services delivered by private and charter schools
- School District Administrative Claiming

Each of these three programs are separate from one another and have differing requirements. In addition, changes made to one program do not always apply to the others such as those required by House Bill 81 passed during the 2020 Florida Legislative Session.

Updates to the Medicaid Certified School Match Program

Pertaining only to public school districts participating in the Certified School Match program, House Bill 81 allows Medicaid to reimburse for school-based services delivered to any enrolled Medicaid-eligible student, effective July 1, 2020.

In the past, Florida Medicaid only reimbursed school districts for services delivered to Medicaid-eligible students that met specific qualifications such as having an individualized education plan (IEP) or requiring exceptional student educational (ESE) services. However, following policy changes at the federal level, the Agency amended its State Plan to obtain authority allowing it to broaden the number of students served under the program to include all who are Medicaid eligible.

This only applies to services listed on the [Certified School Match Program Fee Schedule](#). Services delivered by school districts not listed on the fee schedule are not eligible for reimbursement under the Certified School Match program. Additionally, school districts delivering these services must also do so in accordance with the documentation requirements specified in the [Medicaid Certified School Match Program Coverage Policy](#).

These changes apply only to school districts participating in the Certified School Match program. Medicaid-enrolled private and charter schools can only receive payment for services delivered to eligible students in accordance with section 409.9072, F.S.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

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