Medicaid Annual Notification Regarding Parental Consent

Background:
Since 1993, the State of Michigan has participated in a Federal program called Medicaid School Service Program. The Michigan School Services Program is under the direction of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

The Direct Service Claiming portion of the program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related services listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medicaid eligible, services are provided to **all** students with disabilities regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

Effective October 1, 2019, a new program was added to expand the School Services Program. The Caring 4 Students (C4S) segment of the program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for the cost of expanding and enhancing emotional and medical services to Medicaid-eligible general education students through the age of 21. C4S includes general education students who have a Plan of Care (i.e. Health Care Plan, Behavioral Plan, Nursing Plan, 504 Plan, etc.) or the need for crisis intervention. Although this partial reimbursement is only available for students who are Medicaid eligible, these services are provided to all students regardless of the Medicaid eligibility status.

In 2013, the regulations regarding Medicaid parental consent for the School Services Program changed. Prior to accessing a child's public benefits or insurance for the first time, and annually thereafter, school districts must provide parents/guardians written notification. So what does all this mean?

Is there a cost to you?
NO – Services are provided to students while they are at school at NO cost to the parent/guardian.

Will School Services Medicaid claiming impact your family's Medicaid benefits?
The School Services program does NOT impact a family's Medicaid services, funds, or limits. Michigan operates the School Services program differently than the family's Medicaid program. The School Services program does not affect your family's Medicaid benefits in any way.

What type of services does the School Services program cover?

- Evaluations
- Speech & Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Psychological/Social Work
- Orientation & Mobility
- Assistive Technology Services
- Nursing
- Case Management
- Personal Care
- Special Ed Transportation

What type of information about your child will be shared?
In order to submit claims for School Services reimbursement, the following types of records may be required: first name, last name, middle name, address, date of birth, student ID, Medicaid ID, disability, service dates, and the types of services delivered.

Who will see this information?
Information about your child's School Services may be shared with the Michigan Medicaid agency and its affiliates for the purpose of verifying Medicaid eligibility and submitting claims.

What if you change your mind?
You have the right to withdraw consent to disclose your child's personally identifiable information to the Michigan Medicaid agency and its affiliates at any time.

Will your consent or refusal affect your child's services?
NO. Regardless of whether you have Medicaid coverage or not (and whether you provide consent or not) the school district will still provide services to your child pursuant to their plan of care (IEP, IFSP, 504 plan, individualized health plan, etc.).

What if you have questions?
Please call your school district's Special Education department with questions or concerns, or to obtain a copy of the parental consent form.