



Medicaid School Based Services Expansion Frequently Asked Questions

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services expanded school-based services to Medicaid enrolled children who do not have Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) also known as Free Care Rule Reversal.

Below are the questions DPI most frequently received related to this expansion related to Local Educational Agency responsibilities to obtain parental consent.

Is a new parental consent required to support the expansion of services under the updated Medicaid guidelines?

No. Changes to the services a student receives do not require additional or new parental consent to bill for Medicaid school-based services when consent had previously been provided. Local Educational Agencies should receive consent from the parent, guardian, or adult student prior to disclosing personal identifiable information as required under the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#), [34 CFR § 300.622](#), and [Wisconsin statute 118.125](#) related to records on providing medical services. The requirement for obtaining parental consent prior to billing for Medicaid school-based services apply to students with or without Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

Parental consent will be required prior to billing for Medicaid school-based services for students without IEPs and where no parental consent has yet been provided. In addition, new consent from the parent is also required in situations where the parent previously revoked consent to bill Medicaid. Once the initial parental consent to bill for Medicaid school-based services is received, the Local Educational Agency (LEA) should continue to follow the requirement for annual parental notification for billing Medicaid school-based services once parental consent is provided.

Will the state be providing a revised sample parental consent form that reflects the Medicaid expansion for districts to use or adapt?

Not at this time. Each Local Educational Agency (LEA) is responsible for meeting the requirements for obtaining parental consent prior to disclosing personal identifiable information as required under the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#), [34 CFR § 300.622](#), and [Wisconsin statute 118.125](#) related to pupil records. The sample parental consent form required to bill Medicaid school-based services for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), [M-5 Sample IEP form](#), can continue to be utilized for students with IEPs. LEAs should use their existing general release forms to obtain parental consent for students without IEPs.

Where should additional questions be sent for questions about Medicaid School Based Service expansion?

For other questions related to the expansion of Medicaid services, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Health Services by emailing DHSDMSSBS@dhs.wisconsin.gov. For questions related to SBS cost reporting and time study, Local Educational Agencies should contact their Public Consulting Group representative. For questions related to SBS billing questions, contact the appropriate [Provider Field Representatives](#). Additional resources from DHS include [Medicaid Resources for School-Based Services Providers](#) and [ForwardHealth Online Handbook](#).