

Medicaid School-Based Billing

Fact Sheet



What is Medicaid School-Based Billing?

School-based Medicaid billing allows schools to receive reimbursement for providing health-related services to Medicaid-enrolled students. It includes Direct Service Claiming (DSC) for services like therapy and behavioral health, and Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) for administrative activities supporting these services. AHCCCS manages this program in Arizona, ensuring compliance through a Third Party Administrator (TPA).



51,237

number of students that received eligible services in 2023

Reimbursable Services

- Speech-Language Pathology
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Nursing Services
- Specialized Transportation
- Behavior Health
- Personal Care
- Audiology
- Physician Services

What is a third-party administrator?

AHCCCS contracts with Public Consulting Group (PCG) as the third-party administrator for the Medicaid School-Based Claiming (MSBC) program. PCG helps Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with participation agreements, claim preparation, compliance reviews, and technical assistance. Additionally, PCG ensures program integrity, manages key claims functions, and educates LEAs about the MSBC program.



85%

of Arizona students are served at schools enrolled in Medicaid School Based Claiming

Direct Service Claiming & Medicaid Administrative Claiming

The Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) program reimburses schools for administrative activities that support Medicaid services, such as outreach and enrollment. In contrast, the Direct Service Claiming (DSC) program reimburses schools for direct health services provided to Medicaid-enrolled students, such as physical therapy and speech therapy. MAC focuses on activities that facilitate the provision of services, while DSC covers the actual delivery of medical services. Both programs aim to support the integration of health services in schools, but they target different aspects of service delivery and administration.



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