APS-Medicaid School Based Services Program (APS-MSBS)

The APS-MSBS Program is operated under the guidance of the New Mexico Human Services Department Medical Assistance Division, School Health Office.

Through the Medicaid School-Based Services (MSBS) program, New Mexico schools offer key health and health-related services that are designed to integrate and maintain active learning for Medicaid-eligible children and youth with special education and health care needs.

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**Q.** What is the APS-MSBS Program?

A. The program helps the district by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related services that are listed on a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medicaid eligible, services identified in an IEP/IFSP are provided to ALL students with disabilities regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

**Q.** What type of services does the APS-MSBS Program cover for children?

A. Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies; Audiological Services; Mental Health Services; Social Services; Nursing Services; Nutritional Assessments and Counseling; and Transportation.

**Q.** Will my child’s participation in the APS-MSBS Program impact my family’s Medicaid benefits?

A. NO! Your child’s participation in the APS-MSBS Program DOES NOT impact your family’s Medicaid services, funds, or limits. The APS-MSBS program DOES NOT affect your family’s Medicaid benefits in any way.

**Q.** What do I have to do to make sure my child’s services are eligible for partial reimbursement through the APS-MSBS Program?

A. To make sure the district can benefit from the APS-MSBS Program, you must give informed written consent allowing the district permission to provide services and bill Medicaid for the services. The consent form is usually presented to parents at the IEP/IFSP meeting. Be sure to have your child’s special education teacher or special education representative review your rights regarding the consent form.

**Q.** Is there a cost to Parents/Guardians to have their child participate in the APS-MSBS Program?

A. NO, there is no cost to Parents/Guardians for IEP/IFSP services provided by APS.

**Q.** What does Parental consent mean?

A. Parent/Guardian consent means:
- You are fully informed about the APS-MSBS program.
- You give consent for your child’s IEP/IFSP information to be given to your primary care physician.
- You give permission to the district to submit timely claims for reimbursement.
- You understand that your consent is voluntary and you can withdraw your consent.

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