

2015-2016 PA Medical Assistance Billing Parental Annual Notice for Students with Individual Education Plan (IEP)

This notice is to inform families with students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) of your right to provide consent prior to a public agency such as the Pittsburgh Public Schools can access your child's public benefits or insurance to pay for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are eligible to receive federal reimbursement through the School-Based Access Program for certain medically necessary services provided to students with disabilities ages 3-21 in accordance with the students' Individual Education Plan (IEP). Examples of services covered include speech therapy, occupational therapy and physical therapy, and others. The LEAs use of this reimbursement program does NOT in any way affect or impact other medically necessary, covered services that are provided to your child out of school. Medical Assistance will continue to pay for these services. Any reimbursement that the LEAs receive from the School-Based Access program is used to help cover the cost of special education services.

Before the LEAs can apply for reimbursement for services, a one-time written parental consent is required by The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) under Part 300 (Assistance to the States for the Education of Children with Disabilities) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

By signing the parental consent document as a part of your child's IEP documents, you are authorizing the LEA to share your child's information such as records or information about the services that may be provided to your child with the PA Department of Education, the PA Department of Public Welfare, and a physician or nurse practitioner in order to bill Medical Assistance for services your child receives as part of his/her IEP.

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. Withdrawing your consent or not giving consent, will not affect the services that your child is receiving in school. It is still the responsibility of the LEA to provide all of your child's required services at no cost to you. **Giving consent for reimbursement will also be at no cost to you.** If you have questions about Medical Assistance Billing, please contact Mrs. Nora Jays at 412-529-3801.

Your rights as outlined above include:

- I can either give permission or refuse to give permission for the LEA to release information about my child in order to receive reimbursement for services.
- Consent is given only one time but I may withdraw it for future services at any time.
- My refusal to give consent will not change the services my child receives under his/her IEP.
- Whether I consent or refuse, I will not have to pay for these services.
- Upon request, I may receive copies of my child's records that are disclosed as a result of this authorization.



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