

Massachusetts School Based Medicaid Billing Overview

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The School-Based Medicaid Program (SBMP) offers local education agencies (LEAs) an opportunity to receive federal dollars to offset costs associated with providing certain Medicaid covered services in a school setting. Medicaid is a joint state-federal program that offers reimbursement for both the provision of Covered Services and for the costs of administrative activities that support the Medicaid program. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) is the single state agency responsible for the operation of the Medicaid program known in Massachusetts as MassHealth. The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) administers the SBMP on behalf of and in conjunction with MassHealth.

1. Annual Revenue History - paid out quarterly - posted to the Town's General Fund Revenue

Year	Amount
2021 (YTD)	\$42,325
2020	\$158,541
2019	\$274,988
2018	\$296,774
2017	\$274,140
2016	\$230,417
2015	\$292,099

2. Franklin Public Schools contract with ACCEPT Collaborative for billing services

- a. 5% of revenue (approx. \$12,000 annually)

3. Three Key Components:

- a. Direct Service Claiming (DSC) (including cost reports and claim submission to MassHealth)
 - i. Submit claims to MassHealth for Medicaid Reimbursable Services, which are paid quarterly
 - ii. At the end of the year, file an annual Direct Services Cost Report, which includes all eligible Direct Services costs, as well as LEA-specific Medicaid eligibility rates. The Cost Report calculates the total reimbursable

costs incurred by the LEA for that year, and the LEA is paid the difference of the reimbursable costs incurred and claims payments made throughout the year.

- b. Administrative Activities Claiming (AAC)
 - i. Can claim administrative reimbursement for both the direct service providers like occupational and physical therapists, as well as the other staff that support the provision of health services and certain other administrative activities
 - 1. Outreach or application assistance and coordination of Medicaid Reimbursable Services are reimbursable administrative activities.
 - c. Random Moment Time Study
 - i. A survey that captures what direct service and administrative staff were doing at a given moment, and whether it was reimbursable
 - ii. RMTS participation is a requirement for reimbursement in both the DSC and AAC programs
4. Medicaid Reimbursable Services- Direct medical services provided in the school-setting:
- a. Speech, occupational and physical therapies, psychological counseling, skilled nursing services, audiology services, personal care services, and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy services
5. Students must meet eligibility requirements
- a. Covered Services are only reimbursable when medically necessary and provided pursuant to a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)
 - b. Reimbursement is only available if provided to MassHealth-enrolled members between three and 22 years of age who are eligible for federal reimbursement for non-emergency services
 - c. Students must be eligible on the date of service
6. Highly regulated program with strict requirements for documentation to support claims