



# Anchorage School District

## Special Education, Medicaid

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### 2021-2022 ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS Regarding Consent to Bill Medicaid

The Anchorage School District (ASD) participates in the Alaska Medicaid School-Based Service (SBS Medicaid) program. This program assists Alaska school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related Individual Education Program (IEP) and/or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) services. ASD students receive these IEP or IFSP required services at no cost to the student's family, regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

In 2013, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA) was updated to allow school districts to obtain a one-time parent/guardian consent to disclose information from a child's education record to outside parties, such as Alaska Medicaid, in order to access a child's public benefits or insurance for the first time. Prior to obtaining consent, and annually thereafter, school districts must also provide written notification consistent with (IDEA) 34 CFR 300.154(d) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

The following are key components of the SBS Medicaid program regulations:

- Consent is voluntary. If the parent refuses to provide Consent to Bill Medicaid or revokes previous consent, the child will still receive the services on his/her IEP at no cost to the parent.
- Consent may be revoked in writing at any time.
- Annual written notification to the parent/guardian regarding Consent to Bill Medicaid may be:
  - Mailed to the parents;
  - E-mailed if requested by the parents, and if consistent with State or public agency policies;
  - Provided at an IEP Team meeting if the meeting occurs prior to the first time ASD accesses the child's or parent's public benefits or insurance.
- ASD may not use a child's benefits, if that use would:
  - Decrease available lifetime coverage or any other insured benefit;
  - Result in the family paying for services that would otherwise be covered by the public benefits or insurance program and that are required for the child outside of the time the child is in school;
  - Increase premiums or lead to the discontinuation of benefits or insurance; or
  - Risk loss of eligibility for home and community-based waivers, based on aggregate health-related expenditures.
- Services which may be reimbursable include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language services, audiology services, psychological services, nursing services, and behavioral health services.

This letter serves as your annual notice for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have received this letter, a consent is on record allowing ASD to submit claims to Alaska Medicaid for reimbursement of eligible services rendered to your child pursuant to an IEP or IFSP. Claims submitted to Alaska Medicaid may include personally identifiable information directly applicable to these services.

For questions, concerns, or to obtain a copy of the parental consent form, please contact the ASD Medicaid office by phone, email, or mail using the contact information above.

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