
NURSING SERVICES

Medicaid Guidelines

✓ **Only direct services are billable to Medicaid**

The need for services needs to be listed as a direct service in the IEP, IFSP or medical plan of care to log services for Medicaid. Services considered observation or stand-by in nature are not covered.

✓ **Medicaid logs need to be detailed enough that an auditor could “recreate” the service**

Documentation must indicate not only WHAT services are being rendered to meet the student's IEP/IFSP goals, but HOW the student responded to the services. S.O.A.P. notes are best practice.

✓ **Evaluations are assessments and reports for the development of the student's treatment plan.**

LPNs cannot bill for evaluations or assessments

✓ **Direct service interventions require a physician's, physician assistant, nurse practitioners, or clinical nurse specialist's written order when the initial need for services is determined.**

Must be reviewed and revised annually or as medically necessary by the student's attending physician.

✓ **Nurses are responsible for notifying the attending physician of any change in the student's condition which may result in a change to the plan of care.**

Medicaid Eligible Services Include

Nursing Services Include:

- Diabetes Self-Management Training, Individual or Group
- Mental Health Medication Training and Support
- Medically based direct service interventions such as:
 - Catheterizations or catheter care
 - Maintenance of tracheotomies
 - Medication administration
 - Oxygen administration
 - Tube feeding
 - Suctioning
 - Ventilator care

Evaluations

- Nursing assessment and evaluation, report and eligibility recommendation
- Mental health assessment
- Nursing assessment not related to MET or IEP

IEP/IFSP Participation

- Participation in the IEP/IFSP meeting. Attendance is not necessary, but participation includes written input submitted prior to the meeting. Date of service is date IEP meeting was held.

Service Documentation

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has emphasized the importance of thoroughly documenting all services provided.

Service Logging

For direct services, documentation of each session must include a detailed progress note describing the service rendered and the students response.

Service Log Examples: *"Administered breathing treatment per nebulizer per doctor's orders without difficulty."*

Monthly Summaries

Monthly Progress Summaries are **REQUIRED** for each month that services are reported for Medicaid eligible students. A monthly progress summary summarizes all services provided to the student throughout a month and any potential changes to their treatment plan.

Monthly Progress Summary Example: *"Breathing treatments ordered due to history of asthma and abnormal trachea. Treatment delivered via nebulizer without difficulty. Continue as ordered by physician."*

Provider Qualifications

Nursing services may be reimbursed when provided by:

- ✓ A licensed Nurse Practitioner (NP);
- ✓ A licensed Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS);
- ✓ A certified School Nurse;
- ✓ A licensed Registered Nurse (RN) in Michigan; or
- ✓ A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in Michigan under the supervision of an RN or physician.

Have questions or need support?

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