
COUNSELING AND SOCIAL WORK 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 C4S Plan of Care to log services for Medicaid. Consult or Monitor services are not billable.
- ✓ **Crisis intervention services are unscheduled and performed for the purpose of resolving and immediate crisis situation.**
They do not have to be listed in the students plan of care.
- ✓ **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 formalized testing and reports for the development of the student's treatment plan.**

Medicaid Eligible Services Include

Therapy

- ☐ Group therapy provided in a group of two to eight students;
- ☐ Crisis intervention service
- ☐ Psychotherapy
- ☐ Behavioral health counseling

Evaluations

- ☐ Emotional/behavioral assessment
- ☐ Developmental screening or testing
- ☐ Mental health assessment

IEP/IFSP Participation

- ☐ Sharing the results of an evaluation and providing recommendations for the student's treatment plan.

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 Example: *"Discussed with Melanie a time when he/she was upset to process appropriate ways to react. Mel engaged well in the session and was able to independently identify one alternative way to express self appropriately. Will continue to work on appropriate ways for expressing feelings."*

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: *"Melanie independently identified alternative ways to express feelings appropriately one out of two sessions this month. She still struggles with utilizing the strategy outside of sessions. Will continue to work on appropriate expression of feelings. No changes to plan."*

Provider Qualifications

Psychological, professional counseling, and social work services may be provided by:

- A licensed physician or psychiatrist
- A fully-licensed psychologist
- A limited-licensed psychologist under the supervision of a licensed psychologist
- A temporary limited-licensed psychologist under the supervision of a licensed psychologist
- A certified school psychologist
- A board-certified behavior analyst (BCBA)
- A board-certified assistant behavior analyst (BCaBA) under the supervision of a BCBA
- A licensed professional counselor
- A limited-licensed counselor (under the supervision of a licensed professional counselor)
- A licensed master's social worker
- A limited licensed master's social worker under the supervision of a licensed master's social worker
- A licensed marriage and family therapist

Have questions or need support?

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