

Overview of Medicaid Certified Match Therapy Services

Student Qualifications

- Must be Medicaid eligible on the date of service;
- Be under age 21;
- Be considered disabled under the State Board of Education Rule definitions;
- Be entitled to school district services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (*IDEA*), *Part B or Part C*;
- Have Medicaid reimbursable services referenced on the Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP); and
- Have Medicaid reimbursable services recommended by school district employees or contract staff meeting the requirements of the Medicaid Certified School Match Handbook.

Medicaid Certified School Match Therapy Requirements

- An Individual Educational Plan (IEP) or Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP) is required to be eligible for services
 - The need for therapy services must be referenced on the IEP or IFSP
- Evaluations can be billed to Medicaid every six months
 - An evaluation must be in place to provide treatment services
 - The IEP may serve as an evaluation if all required components are included
- Plan of Care must be in place to provide therapy services
 - The IEP can be used as a Plan of Care if all required components are included
- Treatment Services
 - One hour per day per therapy discipline
 - Therapies provided at school reimbursed through the Medicaid Certified Match Program:
 - Speech Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Physical Therapy
 - Generally provided in a group setting
 - Only accessible when school is in session (for example, summer and spring break therapy is not available)
 - *Medically necessary and Educationally relevant*
 - Provided in the least restrictive environment
 - Must be appropriate in the scope of practice in the school setting
- Funding Source
 - Funded through the school district by state dollars and local tax dollars
 - No state Medicaid dollars used
- Payment
 - Reimbursed **only** for the federal share of rates
 - Will voluntarily void claims if a community provider receives a denial due to service duplication

This document is provided as a summary only. For official policy refer to the Medicaid Certified School Match Handbook, which is located at: http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Portals/0/StaticContent/Public/HANDBOOKS/Certified_School_MatchHB.pdf