

School-Based Services Checklist

Can Our School Bill ForwardHealth for Providing School-Based Services?

Effective for the 2025–2026 school year, ForwardHealth has expanded school-based services (SBS) for Medicaid-enrolled students who are between 3 and 21 years old during the school term.

Answer these questions to determine if your school can submit claims for SBS to ForwardHealth.

☒ Is the student enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid?

All eligible Medicaid-enrolled students with general health care service needs can receive SBS.

☒ Does the student have a medical need or disability?

SBS are considered medically necessary when the service identifies, treats, manages, or addresses a medical problem or a mental, emotional, or physical disability.

☒ Does the student have a written plan for the services?

Students who have any of the following plans are eligible for SBS:

- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- 504 Plan
- Individualized Health Plan
- Behavioral Health Plan
- Other plans developed by a medical professional within their scope of practice where medical necessity has been established, as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § [DHS 101.03\(96m\)](#)

☒ Was an allowable school-based service provided?

Providers must wait to submit claims until after the allowable service has been provided.

☒ Is there an allowable procedure code for those services?

Refer to the [interactive maximum allowable fee schedule](#) on the ForwardHealth Portal for a complete list of allowable SBS procedure codes and related coverage information.

If the answer to all of these questions is yes, the school can bill ForwardHealth for SBS.