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HMOs and Other
Managed Care
Programs

Change in Prescription Requirements for Billing Medicaid

Nurse practitioners
Physicians
Physician
assistants
School-based
services
providers

Medicaid may now reimburse school-based services providers for covered services without a prescription

School-based services (SBS) providers may receive a prescription waiver from Wisconsin Medicaid only when a prescription for providing an Individualized Education Program (IEP) service is not required by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) or the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DR&L). Under this change, Wisconsin Medicaid is adopting the current DPI requirements for prescriptions when providing IEP services in the school setting.

SBS providers now have two options for meeting prescription requirements when billing Medicaid:

1. SBS providers may continue to obtain annual prescriptions for Medicaid-covered IEP services; or
2. SBS providers may complete Attachment 1 of this Update to waive Wisconsin Medicaid's prescription requirements for SBS per HFS 105.53(2) and 107.36(1) and (2), Wis. Admin. Code, and follow the prescription requirements of the DPI and DR&L (as identified in Attachment 2 of this Update). At least annually, SBS providers must notify the child's HMO, physician,

physician specialist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner that the child receives SBS services.

Choose one of two options to meet the prescription requirements when billing Medicaid:

Option 1: School-based services providers maintaining current prescription requirements

SBS providers choosing to maintain Medicaid's current prescription requirements (as stated in Attachment 2, Option 1) before billing Wisconsin Medicaid need to continue their current policies (see Part X, the SBS handbook, pages X2-001 through X2-004).

Option 2: School-based services providers choosing to obtain a waiver of the prescription requirement

1. For claims with dates of service on or after January 1, 1998, complete the attached waiver form (Attachment 1). You need to complete the waiver form only once as an SBS-certified provider. Send the completed form to:

Provider Maintenance
EDS
6406 Bridge Road
Madison, WI 53784-0006

The Medicaid fiscal agent must receive properly completed claims for services rendered to eligible Medicaid recipients within 365 days from the date the service was rendered.

2. Continue to meet the DPI and DR&L standards for prescriptions for services provided to children in the school setting under the SBS benefit.
3. To ensure coordination, avoid duplication of services, and facilitate continuity of care, notify the child's HMO, physician, physician specialist, physician assistant or nurse practitioner regarding the services the child obtains under the SBS benefit at least annually. Document this activity in the child's record.
4. When a child receives similar services from other Medicaid health care providers, documented communication must occur at least annually. The communication must be documented in the recipient's records and copies of the child's IEP must be supplied to other providers when requested.
5. To ensure clear communication, coordinate care with managed care organizations through Memorandums of Understanding as currently required under the SBS benefit. (See Section II-D of Part X, the SBS handbook, and the Medicaid HMO Contract, for more information.)

SBS providers may call Provider Services at (608) 221-9883 or (800) 947-9627 with questions regarding this policy.

The Wisconsin Medicaid Update is the first source for provider information including Medicaid policy and billing information.

Wisconsin Medicaid is administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For provider questions, call the Medicaid fiscal agent at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our web site at www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid.

Attachment 1
Request for a Waiver to Wisconsin Medicaid Prescription
Requirements under the SBS Benefit

(HFS 106.13, Wis. Admin. Code)

Provider name

Provider number

requests a waiver under HFS 106.13, Wis. Admin. Code, for the requirement for obtaining prescriptions under the school-based services (SBS) benefit following HFS 105.53(2) and 107.36(1) and (2), Wis. Admin. Code.

Under this waiver, our school district or CESA must do all of the following:

- Continue to meet the Department of Public Instruction and Department of Regulation and Licensing standards for prescriptions for services provided to children in the school setting under the SBS benefit.
- Notify the child's HMO, physician, physician specialist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner regarding the services the child obtains under the SBS benefit at least annually. This activity must be documented in the child's record.
- When a child receives similar services from other Medicaid providers, documented communication must occur at least annually. The communication must be documented in the recipient's records and copies of the child's Individualized Education Program must be supplied to other providers when requested.
- Coordinate care with managed care organizations through Memorandums of Understanding as currently required under the SBS benefit. (See Section II-D of Part X, the SBS handbook, for more information.)

We request this waiver from the Wisconsin Division of Health Care Financing, for services provided on and after January 1, 1998, until this requirement is eliminated through a Wisconsin Administrative Code change.

Thank you.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Effective date: January 1, 1998

Attachment 2

DPI and DR&L prescription requirements for providing SBS services in the school setting

Service	Current SBS prescription requirements	Waiver SBS prescription requirements ¹	Other key SBS requirements
Speech-language, audiology, and hearing services	Annual referral by physician and identified in IEP ² .	No prescription requirements.	
Occupational therapy	Annual prescription by physician and identified in IEP.	Prescription required for initial evaluation only.	
Physical therapy	Annual prescription by physician and identified in IEP.	Prescription only required under limited circumstances as required by DR&L.	
Nursing services	Annual prescription by physician or advance practice nurse with prescribing authority and identified in IEP.	Prescription or referral by a physician or advanced practice nurse with prescribing authority.	
Psychological, counseling, and social work services	Annual prescription by physician or licensed Ph.D. psychologist and identified in IEP.	No prescription requirements.	
Other developmental testing and assessments	No prescription requirements.	No prescription requirements.	The activities must result in the development of an IEP.
Transportation	No prescription requirements.	No prescription requirements.	Transportation must be included in the IEP and provided on the <i>same day</i> the child receives another Medicaid-covered SBS service.
Durable medical equipment (DME)	No prescription requirements.	No prescription requirements.	The equipment must be medically necessary, be identified in the IEP, be child-specific, belong to that child to use at school and at home, and not be covered under the Wisconsin Medicaid DME benefit.

School-based services (SBS) providers choosing the waiver option must assure that the services billed under SBS meet the medical necessity requirements for SBS and are not noncovered services under the SBS benefit.

¹*The waiver requirements are based on Department of Public Instruction (DPI) requirements. If at any time after this Update the DPI or Department of Regulation and Licensing (DR&L) prescription requirements change for schools, Wisconsin Medicaid will automatically adopt those new requirements.*

²*IEP: Individualized Education Program.*