

Guidelines for covered Medicaid services provided and billed by the school nurse

The individualized education plan (IEP) is a document developed by the school for a child who is eligible for special education. This document is created by a multidisciplinary team that includes but is not limited to the parent, the child's PCP, special education professionals, the child's teacher(s), and other team members with knowledge of the services and school system. This planning is done at least annually or more frequently if needed.

The IEP documents the plan to meet the child's educational needs and supports to ensure they are met. This includes an evaluation of the child's present educational performance, educational goals, and supports and strategies to ensure the plan goals are met. In addition to the educational components, the plan may include medical or behavioral supports while at school. Once the plan is completed and parental permission is obtained, the plan is put into action. Medical or behavioral health services may be covered services and eligible for reimbursement by the child's Medicaid plan.

This document describes the guidelines for TennCare reimbursement of school nursing services as required by the IEP:

- The services (in the following table) performed by the school nurse are ordered by the child's treating provider and performed under the supervision of a physician.
- The school nurse will meet the clinical, licensing, and training requirements to perform these services in the school setting.
- The school will maintain policies and procedures for provision and documentation of the services (in the following table).

Use the following billing guidelines:

- Use 99211 with POS03 as the daily billable CPT® code, which would have a global fee:
 - Services eligible for reimbursement as described in the following table are restricted to services included in the IEP.
 - Services contained in Individualized Healthcare Plans (IHPs), as defined by the National Association of School Nurses, will not receive reimbursement as IHPs themselves do not meet state and federal requirements for covered services.
 - Covered and/or medically necessary services ordered by the child's treating provider may be eligible for reimbursement.
 - Services are performed by the school nurse, under the direct supervision of an in-network medical doctor (MD) or nurse practitioner (NP), licensed through the Tennessee Department of Health, and pursuant to an appropriate physician's

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order. Supervision does not require the continuous and constant presence of the supervising physician; however, the supervising MD or NP must always be available for consultation or make arrangements for a substitute MD or NP to be available.

- Services shall be billed using the supervising MD or NP as the rendering provider.
- School-based services are for CoverKids members.
- Administrative services are not billable services.
- The billable items in the following table include the appropriate codes to be used for the services.
- Amerigroup Community Care will monitor claims and will retrospectively audit claims for appropriate claims billing and the presence of a valid provider order to ensure school-based providers are submitting claims appropriately.
- Amerigroup will document these guidelines in our *MCO Provider Manual* under the existing section of *Individual Education Plan (IEP)*.

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Service	Billable/nonbillable If billable, use CPT code 99211 POS 03 Note: This code is a global encounter code, billable once per day and includes all services received.
Assessment and treatment of acute and chronic illnesses *	N
Blood glucose monitoring and testing	N
Vital sign monitoring	N
Tracheostomy care and suctioning	Y
Colostomy care	Y
Catherization	Y
Administration of oral medication – per tube	Y
O ₂ saturation monitoring (pulmonary and/or cardiac disease)	Y
G-tube feeding	Y
Wound care	Y
Nebulizer treatment	Y
Postural drainage	N
Medication administration for medically fragile students as identified in IEP	N
Development and/or implementation of Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP)	N
Evaluation of nursing service in IEP	N

* TennCare supports the medical home and PCP assignment – This disrupts that relationship.

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