

Autism Waiver Program

The Autism Waiver through Medical Assistance, allows eligible children with Autism Spectrum Disorder to receive specific waiver services to support them in their homes and communities. Services include respite care, environmental accessibility adaptations, family training, intensive individual support services, and therapeutic integration.

Q. I am interested in the Autism Waiver Program. How do I get information and register for this program?

A. Families interested in registering for the autism waiver should call 1-866-417-3480 to get on the waiting list. For questions regarding the autism waiver, please call the Office of Third Party Billing at 410-887-4130.

Q. What are other benefits my child can receive through the waiver?

A. The waiver child may use their Medical Assistance card to access additional Medicaid-covered services.

Infants & Toddlers Program

The Baltimore County Infants and Toddlers Program brings together many agencies with wide experience in support of a child's healthy development. These agencies include the following: Baltimore County Public Schools, Department of Health, Department of Social Services, and various private agencies. If your child receives Medicaid, the federal government allows our program to bill the State of Maryland for services provided to your child at no cost to you. The Medicaid funds collected are used to support and increase Early Intervention Services to all children in the program. This billing will not affect or change your Medicaid eligibility or benefits. If your child does not receive Medicaid, no billing will occur.

Q. How are parents informed about Third Party Billing?

A. Parent/caregivers are informed about the Infants and Toddlers Program by the interim case manager or parent coordinator during the initial face-to-face meeting. The Infants and Toddlers' registration form is to be completed at the time of the initial case management contact, initial evaluation, or Initial Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) meeting with the parent.

Q. What services will be provided to my child in this program?

A. The Medicaid Program reimburses for health services generally considered as screening, assessment, treatment, or consultation. They include, but are not limited to, high-risk nursing services, speech/language services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, psychological services, audiological services, social work services, and case management services.



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Operations

Third Party Billing is a program that generates federal Medicaid funds for the Baltimore County Public Schools. A recovery cost for medical services is sought "after the fact" for children who meet Medicaid guidelines. Health-related services that are reimbursable from Medicaid are identified in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP). These services include speech pathology, occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing, audiology, social work, and psychological services for screening, evaluation, and treatment services. Baltimore County Public Schools also bills Medicaid for case management and transportation services provided to children ages 3 - 21. These Medicaid funds are used to supplement health care services currently provided by the schools.

Activities of the Office of Third Party Billing mimic those of a billing unit in a clinic which include:

- Collection and documentation of data from school-based staff serving eligible children.
- Data verification, review, and correction prior to the transmittal of data for billing.
- Monitoring of claims paid and unpaid.
- Reconciliation of claims billed.
- Training of staff on the regulations and documentation required.

Questions & Answers

Q. What makes Third Party Billing possible?

A. On July 1, 1988, President Reagan signed Public Law P. L. 100-360, the Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act. This law permits school systems to recover costs from public health insurance for services in a child's IEP.

Q. How are parents informed about Third Party Billing?

A. Parents are informed about Third Party Billing through the Third Party Billing registration form or at the IEP team meeting.

Q. What will happen to my Medicaid coverage if I participate?

A. There will be no change in your Medicaid coverage if you participate in the Third Party Billing program.

Q. What happens if my family has private insurance and Medicaid coverage?

A. Baltimore County Public Schools provides IEP services at no cost to families. Baltimore County Public Schools does not seek reimbursement from private insurance companies for IEP services.

Q. What is case management?

A. Case management is the coordination of service activities as outlined in your child's IEP. The parental approval for case management is provided by signing the IEP and the registration form with case managers listed. There is no cost to the family for participation in this program.



Q. What case management services are provided by Baltimore County Public Schools?

A. Case management services provided to students and families by Baltimore County Public Schools include: Initial Individualized Education Plan Development, 60-Day Reviews, Special Reviews, Annual IEP Reviews, Triennial (3 year) IEP Reviews, and Monthly Ongoing IEP Case Management.

Q. My child is enrolled in a Managed Care Organization (MCO) through Medicaid. Does he/she qualify for the Third Party Billing Program?

A. If your child is also enrolled in special education, then they will qualify for the Third Party Billing program.

Q. My child is enrolled in the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP). Does he/she qualify for the Third Party Billing Program?

A. If your child is also enrolled in special education, then they will qualify for the Third Party Billing program. The MCHP is an expansion of the Maryland Medicaid program.

Q. My child qualifies for the Third Party Billing Program. What should I do next?

A. Please complete the registration form and return it to your child's school.

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

School-based Health Center Program

The School-based Health Center Program provides comprehensive health and social services for school-age children.

Q. What services are provided at the School-based Health Center?

A. School-based Health Center services include: physical exams, health screenings, limited diagnostic testing, education, counseling, referrals, and administration of necessary medications and immunizations.

Q. How does the school system bill for School-based Health Center services?

A. The school system will bill private insurance or medical assistance for allowable medical services. If your insurance does not cover health center services, you will not be billed.

Q. If my child is seen at the School-based Health Center and I have no insurance, am I required to pay out of pocket for the services?

A. No, regardless of lack of insurance, you will not be billed for services.

