



Medicaid School Based Claiming (MSBC) Program

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School Based Claiming Program

- The School Based Claiming program is a federal program that offers reimbursement for both the provision of covered medically necessary school-based services (Direct Service Claiming) and the costs of administrative activities (Medicaid Administrative Claiming), such as outreach, which supports the Medicaid school-based program.
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is the regulatory agency that funds and oversees these school-based programs at the federal level.

Arizona Medicaid School-Based Claiming Program

- The school-based programs assist charter schools, the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind (ASDB), and participating school districts, referred to as Local Education Agencies (LEAs), by reimbursing them for their costs to provide Medicaid covered services to enrolled students.
- The purpose of the Direct Service Claiming (DSC) Program is to allow LEAs to receive reimbursement for the cost to provide Medicaid covered medical services to Title XIX enrolled students.
- The purpose of the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) program is to allow LEAs to receive reimbursement for Medicaid administrative outreach activities that occur routinely within the school setting.

Role of AHCCCS

- AHCCCS is Arizona's Medicaid Program that was developed as a result of Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The DSC and the MAC programs in Arizona are two of the programs that are overseen by AHCCCS, Arizona's Medicaid agency. AHCCCS develops the policies and contracts with a Third-Party Administrator (TPA), Public Consulting Group (PCG), to administer both the DSC and MAC programs in Arizona. PCG administers the program in collaboration with ADE.
- AHCCCS is the only entity that may submit claims to the federal agency (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or CMS) to receive federal financial reimbursement for allowable Medicaid costs.
- State Plan Amendment (SPA): AZ-21-0005 & AZ-21-0006 Effective date 10/1/21.
- AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM): 710-School Based Claiming Program, Policy update 10/1/21. <https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/700/710.pdf>

Public Consulting Group (PCG)

- Third Party Administrator- Public Consulting Group (PCG)
- PCG Role
 - Contracting, Education, and Technical Assistance
 - Claims Pre-adjudication
 - Compliance
 - Random Moment Time Study
 - Claim Calculation
 - Cost Base Reconciliation

Contracting with Public Consulting Group (PCG)

- In order to become contracted with PCG, a LEA must:
 - Be an Arizona public school district or an Arizona charter school,
 - Have students enrolled with AHCCCS,
 - Provide one or more of the Medicaid covered services on site, and
 - Sign a participation agreement with PCG

Local Education Agencies

- Intergovernmental Agreement with Arizona Department of Education since July 1, 2001.
- Local Education Agencies (LEAs) receive reimbursement for certain medical services identified in the Individual Education Plan (IEP), Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), or other medical plan of care.
- Participation in the program is optional

MSBC Direct Service Claiming

- Covered Services
 - Audiological Services
 - Behavioral Health Services
 - Nursing Services
 - Personal Care Services
 - Therapies (Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy)
 - Transportation Services
 - Physician Services (MD, DO, NP)

- AHCCCS maintains the MSBC rates and fee schedule and provides updates to PCG as changes occur and send to LEAs.

MSBC – Direct Service (cont.)

- Claims Process
 - Schools send claims directly to PCG (via biller).
 - PCG edits and sends 837 files to AHCCCS
 - AHCCCS sends PCG adjudicated claims on weekly 835 remit with funds
 - PCG sends individual district an 835 and payment
 - PCG performs the cost-based settlement and reconciliation process.
 - The process ensures that the LEA's are reimbursed by Medicaid for all Medicaid allowable costs associated with the delivery of medically necessary services to Medicaid enrolled students.

Medicaid Administrative Claiming Program (MAC)

- The MAC program allows a local Education Agency (LEA), to be reimbursed for certain costs associated with health and outreach activities which are not claimable under other Medicaid programs.
- Schools are often involved in informing families of their potential eligibility for Medicaid or in helping them arrange medical appointments for the children, the provisions of health care information and referral, coordination and monitoring of health services and interagency coordination.
- These activities are considered “Administrative” and schools can receive reimbursement through Medicaid.
- Arizona conducts a Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) on a quarterly basis for those school districts that are participating in the program.

MAC (cont.)

- The purpose of the time study is to identify the proportion of administrative time allowable and reimbursable under the MAC program.
- MAC claims are submitted by the LEA's quarterly to PCG
- PCG will submit quarterly claims on behalf of participating LEAs directly to AHCCCS.
- After reviewing each claim, AHCCCS will process the claim for payment. The claims will be based on the quarterly costs, the time study, the Medicaid eligibility rate, the indirect cost rate (ICR) and the FFP.

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