



Schools and MO HealthNet

Information and Answers for Families

How do I know if I have MO HealthNet coverage for my child?

MO HealthNet would have sent a “MO HealthNet ID Card” and a letter about covered health services for your child. MO HealthNet would have also sent a packet to help you pick a managed care health plan for your child.

If you have questions, you can call MO HealthNet 1-800-392-2161.

Why are schools billing MO HealthNet for some health services provided to students?

Health services schools provide to students with IEP’s are very costly. Schools can bill MO HealthNet to help cover some of those costs. Money the school saves can be used for education.

Does the school need my permission to bill MO HealthNet for some health services my child gets at school?

Yes. You must give permission to the school before the school can bill MO HealthNet.

Will my child get the health services listed in the IEP if I do not give permission for the school to bill MO HealthNet?

Yes. Schools must provide all services listed in the IEP.

What services can the school bill to MO HealthNet?

If your child has an IEP and meets certain rules, the school can bill MO HealthNet for costs for:

- speech-language therapy
- occupational therapy
- physical therapy
- behavioral health services
- one-on-one nursing
- personal care attendant
- hearing services
- special transportation

If the school bills MO HealthNet, can other health care providers also bill MO HealthNet for services provided to my child?

Yes. Your child’s health care providers can still bill MO HealthNet for their services even on the same day.

What happens to my child’s MO HealthNet coverage if I give permission for the school to bill MO HealthNet?

Your child’s MO HealthNet coverage remains the same.

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION TO ACCESS PUBLIC INSURANCE

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

For a number of years, Missouri has participated in a Federal program called Medicaid School-based Services. The program helps school districts by providing partial reimbursement for some medically-related services listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP). Under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school districts are permitted to seek payment from public insurance programs such as Medicaid (called MO HealthNet in Missouri) for some IEP services provided at school.

In 2013, the requirements under the IDEA changed and now school districts must provide parents with written notification before they access your public insurance for the first time and then every year thereafter. This notification is to inform you of the requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), regarding written notification and consent to access public insurance, such as MO HealthNet (Medicaid).

Do I need to do anything?

You will be asked to provide a one-time written parental consent to release information from your child's educational records or information about the services your child receives through his or her IEP. This information is needed for the purpose of billing MO HealthNet and seeking partial reimbursement for some medically-related IEP services.

What type of information will be in the consent form?

The consent form must tell you the personally identifiable information that may be disclosed (including your child's name, birthdate, Medicaid number or other ID, disability, IEP and evaluations, type of service, times and dates of service, and progress notes), the purpose of the disclosure (e.g., payment from MO HealthNet) and the agency that will get the information.

What does it mean if I give my consent?

By consenting, you state you understand and agree that your MO HealthNet insurance will be billed to partially pay the cost of IEP services and that the necessary information about your child and his/her IEP services may be shared with MO HealthNet Division, a contracted billing agent, and/or a physician to obtain necessary supporting documentation (e.g. physician scripts, referrals) in order for the billing to be done. There will be no cost to you for the services.

Can I be required to enroll with MO HealthNet Division (MHD) for public insurance?

You cannot be required to sign up for or enroll in public insurance for your child to receive free appropriate public education, including IEP services.

Will my consent affect my family's MO HealthNet benefits?

No. Reimbursed services provided by your school district do not limit or reduce lifetime coverage or benefits, change eligibility, affect benefits, count against visit or funding limits in MO HealthNet programs, or increase costs to you.

What if I change my mind?

You have the right to withdraw consent to disclose your child's personally identifiable information to MO HealthNet Division for billing purposes at any time.

Will my consent or refusal to give consent affect my child's IEP services?

No. Your school district must provide all required IEP services to your child at no cost to you, whether you give consent or refuse to give consent for purposes of the school accessing your MO HealthNet benefits.

What if I have a question?

Please call your school district's Special Education Department with questions or concerns.