

Parent Permission Medicaid School Based Services

Since 1993, Berrien Regional Education Agency and its local districts have participated in the Medicaid School Based Services Program. This program allows the districts to bill the Medicaid program for reimbursement for health services provided in the schools to special education students who are eligible for Medicaid.

New IDEA regulations which became effective October 2006 require the districts to obtain parental consent to release information in order to bill the Medicaid program. The school district will request consent at the time of the student's IEP.

The **Medicaid School Based Services Program** in Michigan:

- Provides partial reimbursement for services such as Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychological Services, Social Work Services, Orientation and Mobility Services, Transportation, Nursing Services, Case Management and Assistive Technology Services.
- Does **NOT** affect a family's Medicaid insurance benefits and there is **NO** cost to the family, now or in the future.
- Helps school districts because it offsets some of the costs of health care that we provide to children and students.
- Is voluntary and requires parent or guardian to provide written consent to release information about their child in order to bill Medicaid. This consent may be revoked at any time by the parent or guardian.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Stephanie Mack (ext. 146) or Carol Sink (ext. 143) at Berrien RESA (269/471-7725).