**School-Based Services Program**

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Wyoming School-Based Services (SBS) Program was authorized through the [School-Based Services Act (SF0079).](https://www.wyoleg.gov/Legislation/2021/SF0079) The program was implemented in July 2022 in collaboration with the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) and the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE). This program authorizes Local Education Agencies (LEAs)[[1]](#footnote-1) to receive Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services provided by qualified practitioners to Medicaid enrolled students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Eligible services for reimbursement and providers delivering services include:

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| **Services** | **Providers**  |
| Speech Language and Hearing Services | Licensed Audiologists |
| Speech-Language Pathologists |
| Speech-Language Pathology Assistants |
| Speech-Language Pathology Aides |
| Nursing Services | Registered Nurses  |
| School Nurse RN |
| Advanced Practice Registered Nurses |
| Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) |
| School Nurse LPN |
| Certified Nurse Assistants |
| Occupational Therapy | Occupational Therapists |
| Occupational Therapy Assistants  |
| Physical Therapy | Physical Therapists |
| Physical Therapy Assistants |
| Physical Therapy Aides |

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| **Services** | **Providers**  |
| Psychology/ Counseling Services | School Psychologists |
| Licensed Clinical Psychologist |
| School Social Workers |
| Licensed Clinical Social Worker |
| School Counselors |
| Licensed Professional Counselor |
| Certified Mental Health Workers  |
| Marriage and Family Therapists |
| Licensed Behavior Analyst |
| Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst |
| Registered Behavior Technician  |

**GOAL**

To allow LEAs to become Medicaid providers and bill Medicaid through the Wyoming Department of Health for certain health related assessments and services provided by qualified health service professionals to Medicaid enrolled students.

**TARGET POPULATION**

Medicaid enrolled students under the age of 22 and enrolled in a Kindergarten – 12th grade LEA with an IEP or IFSP.

 **WHO PROVIDES SERVICES**

The services are delivered through Medicaid enrolled providers through the LEAs. The LEAs either employ practitioners who provide the services on site, or use practitioners under contract with the LEA.

**FUNDING**

The SBS Program is funded with a combination of local and federal Title XIX (Medicaid) funds. Claims are filed using the Wyoming Department of Health’s fiscal intermediary. LEAs pay for the services and are reimbursed the federal funds at 50% of cost. The LEAs are reimbursed with federal funds and then remit the funds to the state where they get recirculated into the Department of Education School Foundation Program Account.

**STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

The WDH holds regular stakeholder meetings and trainings for the SBS Program. The stakeholder groups are open to the public and include school districts, administrations, providers, the WDE, and others. In addition, the WDH offers technical assistance to LEAs in need of support regarding the SBS Program.

If you have additional questions regarding the SBS Program, please contact the Wyoming Department of Health via email at wdh-schoolbasedservices@wyo.gov or justin.browning1@wyo.gov or by phone at (307) 777-7491.

For more information on Wyoming’s SBS Program visit: <https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/school-based-services/>

1. “Local Education Agency (LEA)” means a public authority legally constituted by the State as an administrative agency to provide control of, and direction for, kindergarten through twelfth grade public education institutions. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)