**Guidance for** **Nursing Services in the Wyoming 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) 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).

To be eligible for Medicaid reimbursement, services must be referred by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of their practice under state law and must be medically necessary. One of the service categories eligible for reimbursement in the SBS program is nursing services.

This document is a resource guide to support the nursing services providers who deliver services through the Wyoming SBS Program. Additional information regarding the Wyoming SBS Program can be found in the [Wyoming SBS Program Provider Manual](https://www.wyomingmedicaid.com/portal/sites/default/files/inline-files/Manuals_and_Bulletins/School_Based_Services_Manual_12_30.pdf). Additional resources for nursing services providers are highlighted below.

**NURSING SERVICES**

Nursing services must be prescribed by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts within the scope of his or her practice under State law. For nursing services, an additional written order/prescription (in addition to the IEP/IFSP) is required by a licensed registered nurse(RN), school nurse RN, licensed advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or physician within the scope of their practice under State law. Nursing services are professional services relevant to the medical needs of the patient provided through direct intervention. Nursing and health services are healthcare services provided to a patient to address special healthcare needs and chronic conditions through care management and direct care. The services must be medically necessary within the scope of the professional practice of the Wyoming Nurse Practice Act, located in [Wyoming Statute at § 33-21-120 et seq](https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title33.pdf). Nursing services may include, but are not limited to:

* Direct and indirect patient care services that ensure the safety, comfort, personal hygiene and protection of patients and the performance of disease prevention and restorative measures;
* Direct and indirect patient services, including, but not limited to the administration of medications and therapeutic agents necessary to implement a treatment, disease prevention or rehabilitative regimen ordered by and within the scope of licensure of a physician, dentist, podiatrist, or clinical psychologist;
* Health procedures;
* IEP and IFSP health assessments;
* Nutrition assessment; and
* Nursing treatments.

**ELIGIBLE PROVIDERS FOR** **NURSING SERVICES**

For the SBS Program, nursing services may be provided by the following Medicaid providers:

* Registered Nurses (RN): Must be licensed by the Wyoming State Board of Nursing and meet the requirements as outlined in [Wyoming Statute § 33-21-120 et seq](https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title33.pdf).
* Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN): Must be licensed by the Wyoming State Board of Nursing and meet the requirements as outlined in [Wyoming Statute § 33-21-120 et seq](https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title33.pdf).
* Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN): Must be licensed by the Wyoming State Board of Nursing, meet the requirements as outlined in [Wyoming Statute § 33-21-120 et seq](https://wyoleg.gov/statutes/compress/title33.pdf), and act under the supervision of a physician, RN, or APRN

Nursing services may be delegated to the following in accordance with 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §440.130(d) and according to the delegation clause in Chapter 3 of the Wyoming Administrative Rules, titled Scope and Standards of Nursing Practice and Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Role:

* Certified Nurse Assistants (CNA): Must be certified by the Wyoming State Board of Nursing, meet the requirements as outlined in [Wyoming Statute § 33-21-120 et seq](%E2%80%A2%20Certified%20Nurse%20Assistants%20%28CNA%29%3A%20Must%20be%20certified%20by%20the%20Wyoming%20State%20Board%20of%20Nursing%2C), and work under the direction of a licensed nurse.

To receive reimbursement for the SBS Program, services must be ordered, referred, or prescribed by a physician or other licensed Provider within the Provider’s scope of practice under state law. In addition, for nursing services, an additional written order/prescription (in addition to the IEP/IFSP) is required by a licensed registered nurse (RN), school nurse RN, licensed advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or physician within the scope of their practice under State law. Wyoming Medicaid requires that ordering, referring, or prescribing (ORP) Providers be documented on claims. All ORP Providers and attending Providers must be enrolled with Wyoming Medicaid. This applies to all in-state and out-of-state Providers, even if they do not submit claims to Wyoming Medicaid. All Medicaid SBS Program claims resulting from an order, referral, or prescription must include the NPI of the ORP Provider.

Licensed practical nurses (LPN), school nurse LPNs, and qualified certified nurse assistants are not eligible to act as an ORP Provider. Table 1 below displays the allowable nursing provider types with their associated taxonomy codes.

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| **Table 1. Provider Type, Taxonomy Code, and ORP Eligibility** |
| **Individual Provider**  | **Taxonomy**  | **Eligible ORP** |
| Licensed Registered Nurse (RN)  | 163W00000X | Yes |
| School Nurse RN | 163WS0200X | Yes |
| Licensed Advanced Practice Nurse Practitioner (APRN)  | 364SP0808X | Yes |
| Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) | 164W00000X | No |
| School Nurse LPN | 164X00000X | No |
| Qualified Certified Nurse Assistant | 376K00000X | No |

**COMMON CPT/HCPCS CODES FOR NURSING SERVICES**

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) / Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Codes are a collection of codes that represent procedures, supplies, products, and services which may be provided to Medicaid beneficiaries. SBS Program providers must use the appropriate billing CPT or HCPCS code based on the student’s plan of care or assessment needs. Nursing services are primarily time-based CPT codes. Table 2 below displays common billing codes for nursing services for the SBS Program.

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| **Table 2. Nursing Services** |
| **CPT Codes** | **Short Description** |
| T1001  | Nursing Assessment/Evaluation |
| T1002  | RN Services; Per 15 min |
| T1003  | LPN/LVN Services; Per 15 min |
| T1004  | Certified Nursing Assistant Services; Per 15 min |

**DIAGNOSIS CODES**

ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes are identified in the *International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-10-CM) code book that was developed to create international uniformity in diagnosing health conditions.*Note***:** ICD-10-CM codes must be included on the claim or the claim will be denied.

**MODIFERS**

Modifiers are codes added on a claim line with the procedure code to supply further information about a CPT or HCPCS code, such as who performs the service. Modifiers are always two characters and are added to the end of a HCPCS or CPT code with a hyphen. Table 3 below displays a modifier pertaining to the nursing services for the SBS Program. Providers must use the “GT” modifier if the service was delivered via telehealth.

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| **Table 3. Modifiers**  |
| **Modifier** | **Description**  |
| GT | Telehealth: Via interactive audio and video telecommunications systems. |

**RESOURCES**

The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) supports school nurse objectives by publishing issue briefs and position statements on subjects affecting student health and school nursing to keep members updated on aspects affecting their school communities. The NASN website is a great resource for nursing providers.

1. Link to NASN’s homepage: <https://www.nasn.org/home>
2. NASN’s Toolkit: <https://learn.nasn.org/courses?category_ids%5B%5D=687>

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/>