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The Honorable Chuck Morse
 State House
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The Honorable Sherman Packard
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Dear Senator Morse and Representative Packard:

In accordance with RSA 186-C:25, VII, the Department of Health and Human Services (Department) is providing this annual report on the Medicaid to Schools (MTS) program.

Table 1 depicts federal reimbursement dispersed and students served since the Division of Medicaid Services assumed responsibility for managing the MTS program.

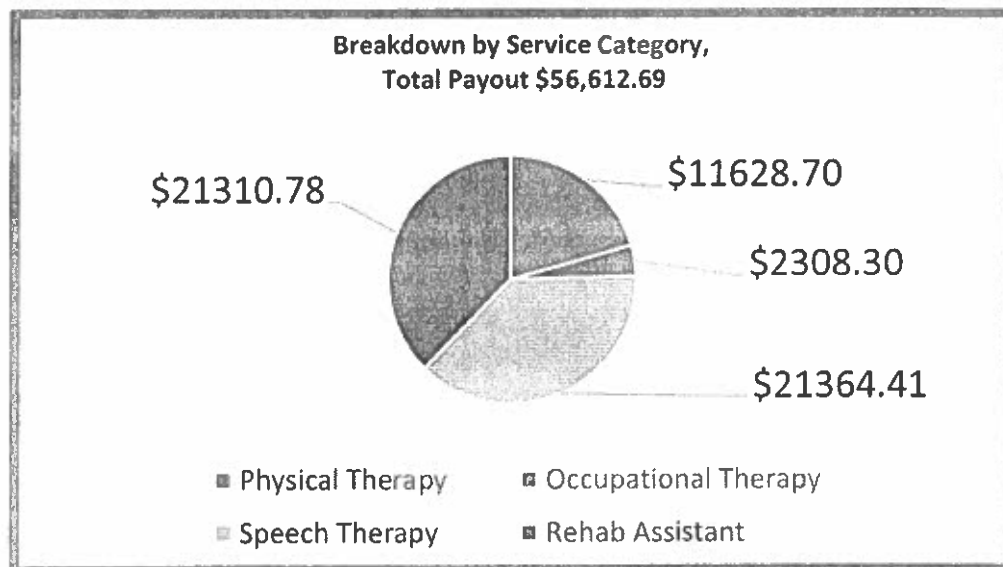
Table 1

Year	Federal Reimbursement	Students Served
SFY 2019	\$26,379,998	10,498
SFY 2020	\$8,223,474*	9,003
SFY 2021	\$12,592,745*	7,751

This amount does not include the additional matching funds through the Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Described below are matters which uniquely affected operation of the MTS program in SFY21:

- School Districts continue to struggle with obtaining qualified treatment provider orders for all medical services contained in a student’s IEP/ Section 504 plan/individual health care plan. Federal regulations require that orders must be obtained before medical services can be billed to Medicaid. This has resulted in delays in School Districts submitting claims for medical services in a timely fashion.
- The Covid-19 pandemic resulted in school closures in March 2020. The pivot to remote learning has allowed School Districts flexibility in offering medical services via telehealth. Early adopters were thirty (30) School Districts who submitted claims. The chart below shows telehealth services paid from January 1 to June 30, 2020. A total of 503 students were served via telehealth. The Department will continue to monitor the use of telehealth in the school setting and provide utilization data in future updates.



- The continued global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has resulted in a growing need for Medicaid coverage and services in the school setting which significantly affects state and local school budgets. In response to increased demand for Medicaid, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) provides all states and territories with a 6.2 percentage-point increase in Medicaid's federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). The FMAP increase applies to Medicaid to Schools claims paid on or after January 1, 2020, and has continued. Matching dollars paid to School Districts are as follows: for SFY 20 for the period 1/1/20 to 6/30/2020 the total is \$223,359. For the period 7/1/2020 to 3/31/2021 the total is \$511,098. The FMAP payment for 4/1/2021 to 6/30/2021 has yet to be processed due to claims lag. These additional matching dollars for billed services will extend through the last day of the quarter in which the federal public health emergency (PHE) ends. The PHE is not anticipated to end earlier than January 2022, which would extend the funds availability for billed services through March 31, 2022.
- The Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education continued its participation in Healthy Students Promising Futures, a learning collaborative for State Medicaid programs,
- The Medicaid to Schools fee schedule was updated to include the 3.1% rate increase in both January of 2020 and January of 2021 as approved by the NH Legislature. School Districts requested the Department compile these rates into one document for ease of use eliminating the need for look up on the NH MMIS website. Updated billing codes and fee for schedule were published in September 2021 for use during the 2021-2022 school year,
- Passage of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 provides for a temporary 10% increase in the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) for home and community based services (HCBS). States may craft a plan for use of the 10% FMAP increase. These plans must be approved by CMS prior to claiming and expenditure of the increased FMAP. New Hampshire's HCBS plan includes qualifying school based services. Upon CMS approval, as well as approval from the relevant legislative and executive bodies, schools will receive the enhanced 10% FMAP on qualifying HCBS services provided in the school setting.

- The Department in partnership with the Medicaid Fiscal Agent Conduent conducted three (3) learning sessions via Zoom to assist School Districts with the Medicaid provider enrollment and application process.
- The NH Charitable Foundation in collaboration with the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Education funded JSI Research and Training Institute/Community Health Institute (JSI/CHI) to develop a training and technical assistance center for NH School Districts to support utilization of the NH Medicaid to Schools program. Specifically JSI will support Medicaid enrolled school districts with administration and billing of medical services by providing timely responses to questions and providing tools to aid with billing. Individualized consultation to schools is available upon request.
- The Department engaged the services of the Institute of Health Policy and Practice at the University of New Hampshire to compile a technical assistance guide for use by School Districts. The Technical Assistance guide is a compilation of all the informational bulletins, provider notices and other communication that had been published since August 2019 including the administrative rules so as to have one source document for reference. The Technical Assistance Guide is in its final review and will be published in December 2021. Additionally a companion billing manual is being completed with billing instructions.

The Department continues to work with the Department of Education (DOE) and stakeholders throughout New Hampshire to make adjustments to the Medicaid to Schools' Program. The Department hosted three (3) stakeholder meetings via Zoom , issued seven (7) informational bulletins and six (6) provider notices all of which are posted on the Department's website to assist School Districts with implementation of the Medicaid to Schools benefit. These communications can be found under the Communication and Guidance link:

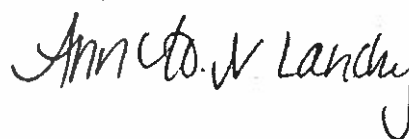
<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/mts/index.htm>

The Department continues to explore a potentially more advantageous method in how schools are covering their costs and receiving Medicaid reimbursement. Under evaluation is use of administrative and direct service claiming. This methodology would allow schools to bill for both direct medical services and associated administrative costs. The Department continues to explore this option and will provide additional information in future updates.

A list of the School Districts and/or School Administrative Units (n=171) enrolled as Medicaid providers during this period is enclosed. Currently only six (6) School Districts/SAUs do not participate in Medicaid to Schools.

If you have any questions concerning this report or the information provided, please contact myself, or Jane Hybsch, Administrator, Medicaid Medical Services, Coverage and Benefits Unit at (603) 271-9423 or by email at Jane.M.Hybsch@dhhs.nh.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Governor, Christopher T. Sununu
Senator Gary Daniels, Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Representative Karen Umberger, Chairman House Finance Committee
Senator Ruth Ward, Chairman Senate Education Committee
Representative Rick Ladd, Chairman House Education Committee

**School Districts and/or School Administrative Units
Enrolled as Medicaid Providers
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Albany School District	Goffstown School District
Allenstown School District	Gorham Randolph Shelburne Cooperative
Alton Central School	Goshen School District
Amherst School District	Governor Wentworth Regional School District
Andover School District	Grantham School District
Ashland School District	Greenland School District
Auburn School District	Hampstead School District
Barnstead School District	Hampton Falls School District
Barrington School District	Hampton School District
Bartlett School District	Hanover School District
Bath School District	Hart's Location School District
Bedford School District	Harrisville School District
Benton School District	Haverhill Cooperative School District
Berlin School District SAU 3	Henniker School District
Bethlehem School District	Hill School District
Bow School District	Hillsboro Deering School District
Brentwood School District	Hinsdale School District
Brookline School District	Holderness School District SAU 48
Campton School District SAU 48	Hollis Brookline School District
Candia School District	Hollis School District
Chatham School District	Hooksett School District
Chester Academy	Hopkinton School District
Chesterfield School District	Hudson School District
Chichester School District	Interlakes School District
Claremont School District	Jackson School District
Colebrook School District	Jaffrey Rindge School District
Columbia School District	John Stark Regional School District
Concord School District	Kearsarge School District
Conval Regional School District	Keene School District
Conway School District	Kensington School District
Cornish School District	Laconia School District
Croydon School District	Lafayette School District
Deerfield School District	Landaff School District
Derry School District	Lebanon School District
Dover School District	Lempster School District
Dummer School District	Lincoln-Woodstock Cooperative School District
Dunbarton School District	Lisbon School District
East Kingston School District	Litchfield School District
Eaton School District	Littleton School District
Ellsworth School District	Londonderry School District
Epping School District SAU 14	Lyme School District SAU 76
Epsom School District	Madison School District
Errol School District	Manchester School District
Exeter School District	Marlborough School District
Fall Mountain School District	Marlow School District
Farmington School District	Mascenic Regional School District
Franklin School District	Mascoma School District
Freedom School District	Merrimack School District
Fremont School District	Merrimack Valley School District
Gilford School District	Middleton School District
Gilmanton School District	Milan School District

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Milford School District	Rye School District
Milton School District	Salem School District
Monadnock School District	Sanborn Regional School District
Monroe School District SAU 77	Seabrook School District
Mont Vernon School District	Shaker Regional School District
Moultonborough School District	Somersworth School District
Nashua School District	Souhegan School District
Nelson School District	South Hampton School District
New Boston School District	Stark School District
New Castle School District	Stewartstown School District
Newfields School District	Stoddard School District
Newfound Area School District	Strafford School District
Newington School District	Stratford School District
Newmarket School District	Stratham School District
Newport School District	Sullivan School District
North Hampton School District	Sunapee School District
Northumberland School District	Surry School District
Northwood School District	Tamworth School District
Nottingham School District	The Exeter Regional School District
Oyster River School District	Thornton School District SAU 48
Pelham School District	Timberlane Regional School District
Pembroke School District	Unity School District
Pemi Baker SAU 48	Wakefield School District
Piermont School District	Warren School District
Pittsburg School District	Washington School District
Pittsfield School District	Waterville Valley School District SAU 48
Plainfield School District	Weare School District
Plymouth School District SAU 48	Wentworth School District SAU 48
Portsmouth School District	Westmoreland School District
Profile School District	White Mountain Reg'l School District
Raymond School District	Wilton Lyndeborough School District
Rivendell Interstate School District	Winchester School District
Rochester School Department	Windham School District
Rollinsford School District	Winnacunnet School District
Rumney School District SAU 48	Winnisquam Regional School District