

# Oklahoma School Based Medicaid (OSBM) Program

Information Session

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# Introductions

## Presenters

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# Current Projects

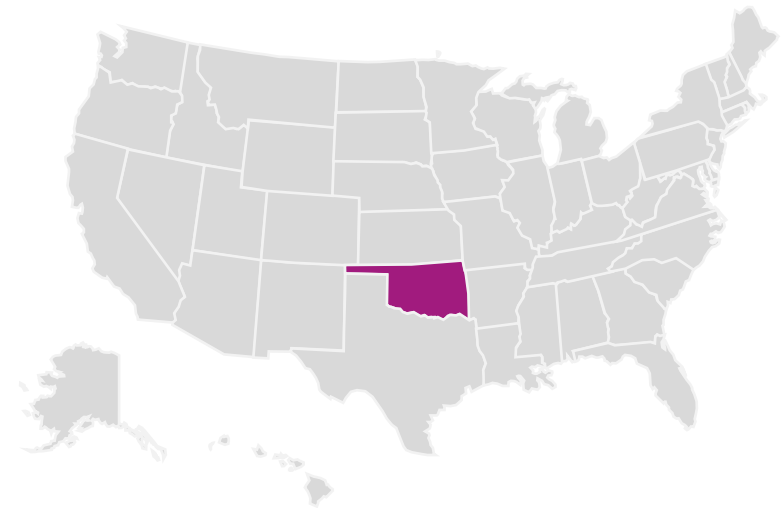
- Nurse Mentor Program
- Diabetes Management and Vision Screening Training
- Medication Administration Training
- Creation of Seizure Training Administration Rules
- Networking with Nurses
- ECHO Project- Diabetes Education for School Nurses
- School Nurse Advocacy
- State Plan Amendment
- Managed Care Transition
- School-Based Medicaid Claiming



# Program Overview

# SBHS Program

Since the start of the 2019 school year, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) has been responsible for the School-Based Health Services (SBHS) program, overseeing program practices and policies as well as administering the program statewide with support from Public Consulting Group (PCG). Once enrolled in the SBHS program, school districts can be reimbursed for certain health-related services, such as: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or Speech Therapy in the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) of students who are enrolled in SoonerCare. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has approved over \$10,000,000 in school-based claims.



# Two Reimbursement Programs

Districts have the option to participate in two mutually exclusive reimbursement programs which can assist schools in recovering funds used to provide these services:

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## Fee For Service (FFS)

- Delivers direct health services to special education students
- Currently districts are billing for speech-language, physical therapy and occupational therapy
- Staff are required to log services
- Providers are licensed

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## Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)

- Assist in outreach and enrollment of students in Medicaid
- Assist in coordination and referrals for medical services
- Provide administrative services that support the delivery of direct services
- Staff are not required to be licensed
- Staff are required to participate in the RMTS

*Note: Districts cannot participate in the MAC program unless they participate in the FFS program.*



# Changes to the Program

- Signed, written Parent Consent is required only once prior to billing Medicaid.
  - Local Education Agency (LEA's) must provide initial and annual written notice to help ensure that parents are fully informed of their rights before the Medicaid agency can access their or their child's public benefits or insurance to pay for services under Individuals with Disability Act (IDEA).
- A separate Physician Order is only required for Physical Therapy.
  - Physician Authorizations must be obtained initially and annually thereafter.
- There is no longer a need to obtain a separate Prior Authorization for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, or Speech Therapy.
- School-based therapy claims will not to be denied because a student is also receiving private therapy.
- Telehealth Services are being reimbursed (Individual Therapy Only)



# Steps in EDPlan/EasyTrac

- Services providers must be credentialed with a National Provider Identifier (NPI), Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) ID, and Board Certified.
- Medicaid Eligibility (PCG will run eligibility monthly)
- Document Parent Consent (Personal Page of EDPlan)
- Input Doctor Authorization for Physical Therapy service only (Personal Page of EDPlan)
- Annual Evaluations
- Annual IEP
- Log Services in EasyTrac (Logging Wizard)





# Logging Wizard

New Log Entry Save Clear Form

Service Date <input type="text" value=""/> <small>(Required)</small>	Service Type <input type="text" value=""/> <small>(Required)</small>
Service Times Start <input type="text" value=""/> End <input type="text" value=""/>	Group Size <input type="text" value=""/>
Progress Report <input type="text" value=""/>	Diagnosis Please enter a valid Service Date value to populate Diagnosis options.
Location <input type="text" value=""/>	

Areas Covered/Assessed

<input type="checkbox"/> Articulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditory Processing	<input type="checkbox"/> Augmentative & Alternative Communication
<input type="checkbox"/> Augmentative Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Aural Rehab Following Cochlear Implant	<input type="checkbox"/> Disorder of Speech Flow
<input type="checkbox"/> Expressive Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Fluency	<input type="checkbox"/> Language Therapy
<input type="checkbox"/> Oral Motor Dysfunction - Swallowing	<input type="checkbox"/> Phonological Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Pragmatic Language
<input type="checkbox"/> Previously Recorded Service Log	<input type="checkbox"/> Receptive Language	<input type="checkbox"/> Resonance Pattern
<input type="checkbox"/> Rhythm/Fluency	<input type="checkbox"/> Sound Production	<input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocal Quality and Resonance Pattern	<input type="checkbox"/> Voice Therapy	

Objectives

Goal: Reading - Students will read and comprehend increasingly complex literary and informational texts.

- 5.2.R.1 Students will create an objective summary, including main idea and supporting details, while maintaining meaning and a logical sequence of events.
- 5.2.R.2 Students will compare and contrast details in literary and nonfiction/informational texts to distinguish genres.

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# Fee For Service Insights

Looking ahead

# Expansion of Billing for Services on the IEP

## Current Services

- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

## Future Expansion

- Nursing Services
- Personal Care
- Behavioral Health



# Free Care Expansion

# Background

December 2014 CMS reversed their decision of not allowing Free Care to be reimbursed. This reversal means Medicaid eligible services provided to enrolled students are available for reimbursement if all other Medicaid requirements are met

**Free Care definition:** services provided to Medicaid enrolled students at no charge, and/or provided to the community at large free of charge

**What does this mean for the School Based Reimbursement Programs?:** Expansion of program covered services will be reimbursable to districts for Medicaid enrolled students that have other medical plans of care (outside of IEPs/IFSPs) where medical necessity has been established



# Free Care Basics

## Services

- Services covered in the community can be performed in a school-based setting by a qualified medical provider
- Established medical necessity by a qualified medical provider operating within the scope of his/her practice outside of IEP/IFSPs
- Mental/behavioral health services that are identified on a medical plan of care outside IEP/IFSPs and performed by a qualified medical provider

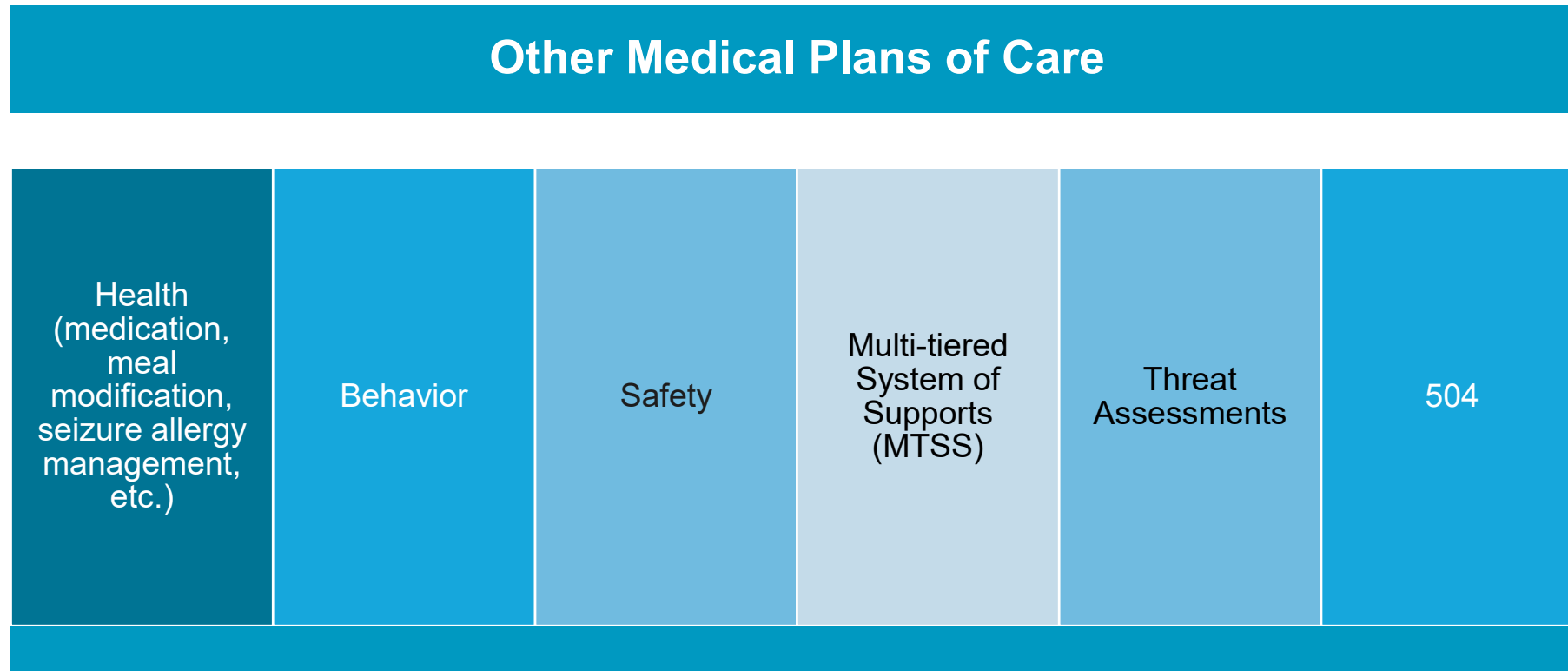
## Providers

- Additional qualified medical providers may be identified that are eligible for reimbursement when delivering services in schools



# Documenting on New Medical Plans of Care

Expansion of Free Care services will allow districts to be reimbursed for services prescribed and rendered on other medical plans of care **if** medical necessity has been established:



# Q & A



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