

Ionia County School Districts

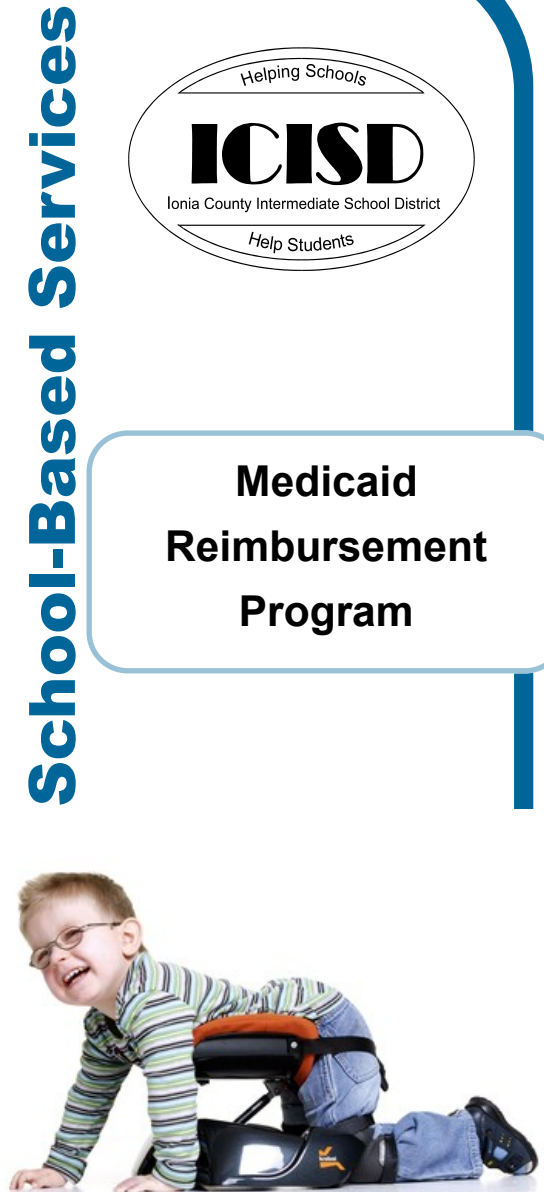
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School-Based Services



**Medicaid
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Since 1993, the State of Michigan has participated in a Federal program called School-Based Services. The program as-

sists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically-related services that are listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medicaid eligible, services are provided to **all** students with disabilities regardless of their Medicaid eligibility status.

The Michigan School-based Services program is under the direction of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Is there a cost to me?

NO – IEP services are provided to students while they are at school at NO cost to the parent/guardian.

Will it impact my family's medical benefits?

The School-Based Services program does NOT impact a family's Medicaid services, funds, or limits. Michigan operates the School-Based Services program differently than the Family Medicaid program. The School-Based Services program does not affect your family's Medicaid benefits in any way.

What type of services for children does the School-Based Services program cover?

- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech & Language
- Orientation & Mobility
- Assistive Technology Services
- Psychological/Social Work
- Evaluations
- Developmental Testing
- Nursing
- Case Management
- Personal Care
- Special Education Transportation

How can I help assure my school district receives benefits from the School-Based Services program?

School districts have been participating since 1993 but recently Federal regulations changed to require the parent/guardian:

- To be fully informed about the School-Based Services program
- To provide consent to release school records containing the student's information to Michigan Medicaid and billing agencies for the purpose of participating in the School-Based Services program.
- To understand that consent is voluntary and can be revoked.

You can help by providing your written consent which allows your school district to continue to participate in the School-Based Services program. In the times of reduced state funding for schools, all reimbursements are extremely important.