



Provider Bulletin

New Hampshire Medicaid

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UPDATE: Authorization and Orders for Medicaid to Schools

This informational bulletin supersedes any and all published guidance on this topic distributed by the Division of Medicaid Services.

UPDATE:

For Claims submitted for school year 2020-2021, schools must have orders that cover the date of service as outlined in Section I below.

For claims being submitted for school year 2021-2022, orders must include the information outlined in Section II below.

Qualifying medical services delivered in the school setting can be billed to Medicaid so long as all billing requirements are met.

The IEP team must recommend health-related services in an IEP or 504 plan or Health Care plan. Medical orders are necessary for medical services included in the child's plan.

I. Orders must encompass the date of service in order for that service to be billed to Medicaid.

This must be in place for School Year 2020-2021.

All orders must:

- Have a date span of no more than one year. If there is no date span, or the date span extends beyond one year, the orders are effective for one year from the date of the signature. To be clear, the date span or date of signature must be on the order itself.
- Be in place before services are billed.



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II. Content of Orders

This must be in place for School Year 2021-2022.

All orders must:

- Meet the criteria of Section I above.
- Include a description of medical condition to verify medical necessity.
- Describe the actual service needed i.e. occupational therapy, skilled nursing, etc.
- Be signed and dated by a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or other licensed practitioner. *Please consult the guidance issued by the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification for specific information regarding scope of practice and authority to order services which is posted on the DHHS Medicaid to Schools website found at <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/medicaid/mts/index.htm> under the Communication and Guidance link.*

Examples

The IEP team finalizes the IEP and obtains parental signatures and consents on August 1, 2020. The services included in the IEP require a signature from a physician/ advanced practice registered nurse/ physician assistant.

- A physician reviews the IEP and signs an order on August 10, 2020. The order states that services are authorized from August 1, 2020 through August 1, 2021. *In this case, the order has date span; therefore it covers dates of service beginning on the date of the signature on the order.*
 - The school may submit a claim on or after August 10, 2020 for services delivered with a date of service from August 1, 2020 through August 1, 2021.
- A physician reviews the IEP and signs an order on August 10, 2020. The order does not have a date span, just the date it is signed. *This order does not have a date span; therefore it covers dates of service on or after the date of the signature on the order (August 10, 2020).*
 - The order is valid from August 10, 2020 through August 10, 2021.
 - The school may submit a claim on or after August 10, 2020 for services delivered with a date of service on or after August 10, 2020.