



CANAL WINCHESTER Special Services

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Dear Parents,

Canal Winchester Schools are attempting to access as much State and Federal grant Dollars and special funding as possible. With ongoing budget cuts and increased costs, our school district needs all additional funding possible to help us maintain and improve the quality programs that we offer our students. We owe it to you and all the families in Canal Winchester to bring in all the available State and Federal Funds that we can.

One such fund that we actively seek funding from is the Ohio Medicaid School Program, also known as MSP. This program allows Ohio School Districts to receive Federal Medicaid reimbursement for certain therapies that are provided by licensed therapists to students that have Medicaid insurance. In accordance with the "Individuals with Disabilities Act" (IDEA), we make every attempt to notify parents of our intent to seek this special funding when eligibility requirements are met.

Attached to this letter is the Parent/Guardian Notification to Share Information for Purposes of Billing Public Insurance and Notification to Bill Public Insurance. Please review in order to assist in making a decision. IDEA and The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) require schools to obtain parental consent to share students' education and health-related records such as IEP and Evaluation information and to bill these services to Medicaid. We are requesting permission to share this information in order to submit a claim. If you consent to sharing this information and billing of services to Medicaid, there is no action required on your part. If you do not want this information shared and billed to Medicaid, please respond in writing to our Medicaid billing agent, Healthcare Billing Services (HBS) at 2652 Kull Road, Lancaster, OH 43130. You may call HBS at 740-653-6711 if you have questions.

Thank you for your continued support of all our district programs and services.

Parent/Guardian Notification to Share Information for Purposes of Billing Public Insurance and Notification to Bill Public Insurance

Dear Parent,

Local Education Agencies (LEAs), such as school districts, are eligible to receive federal Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary services provided to their special education students when the services meet the requirements of the state's Medicaid program and are provided in accordance with the students' IEP.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) require schools to obtain parental consent to share students' education and health-related records such as IEP and Evaluation information and to bill these services to Medicaid. We are requesting your permission to share this information in order to submit a claim. **This form is not requesting consent or refusal to consent to special education services, and will have no effect on the services provided by the LEA to your child.**

- ***Your consent is voluntary. No matter whether you grant consent or refuse to consent or revoke your consent, your child will still be provided with an evaluation and/or the services on his/her IEP, and you will not have to pay for those services.***
- ***When you give permission to bill Medicaid, you may revoke it in writing anytime after it is given. Your revocation of consent to bill Medicaid will not negate (undo) an action that has occurred after consent was given and before the consent was revoked.***
- ***Whether you consent or refuse to grant consent to bill Medicaid, you will not have to pay for the evaluation and/or services on the IEP.***
- ***Upon request, you or your child may receive copies of your child's records that are disclosed as a result of this authorization.***
- ***If your child is not insured through one of the Ohio Medicaid Programs such as Healthy Start and Healthy Families, Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Child and Family Health Services (CFHS), or Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh), then your child's services would never be billed to Medicaid.***

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