

What School Mental Health Services Does Medicaid Cover?

Medicaid can cover many mental health screening services and treatment services provided in schools, as well as supportive services to facilitate treatment.

Screening Services



The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit is a mandatory benefit for all Medicaid-enrolled children under 21 years old. EPSDT covers many screening services for mental health problems, including autism screening, depression screening, and psychosocial assessment. Please see [this infographic](#) to learn more about EPSDT.

Treatment Services



Psychosocial treatment

For example:

- Counseling
- Case management
- Social work services*

Psychotropic medication*

For example:

- Antidepressants*
- Stimulant medications*

Supportive Services



Medicaid covers supportive services* through reimbursement for administrative expenses. Schools can seek Medicaid reimbursement for supportive services that help children receive mental health services at community providers (e.g., arranging transportation or referrals). Please see [this infographic](#) to learn more about Medicaid reimbursement for administrative expenses.

*Starred services are optional Medicaid benefits. Some states may not cover these services in their Medicaid programs. Please refer to the Medicaid State Plan in your state to check if these services are covered.

Reference: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Guidance to States and School Systems on Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Issues in Schools. 2019. <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib20190701.pdf>. Accessed May 24, 2022.



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