

FACT SHEET



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

Children's Intervention School Services

Overview

The purpose of the Medicaid Children's Intervention School Services (CISS) Program is to provide reimbursement for medically necessary services that are received in schools and provided by or arranged by a Local Education Agency (LEA) for Medicaid-eligible students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The CISS program includes covered rehabilitative services provided by or through the Georgia State Department of Education (DOE) or a LEA to EPSDT eligible special education students ages three (3) years to twenty (20) years, with or suspected of having disabilities, who attend public school in Georgia. The CISS services must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioners of the healing arts. These services are provided pursuant to an IEP or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).



Why Is the Program Important?

The intent of the program is to meet the needs and improve the functional level of the student with disabilities in the educational setting.

What Has DCH Done to Enhance Children's Intervention School Services?

- DCH has expanded the scope of nursing services provided to eligible Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members.
- The expansion will allow additional claiming for Medicaid-enrolled children from the general student population for medically necessary services.
- DCH will reimburse LEAs for medically necessary nursing services provided to children with an IEP, as well as currently enrolled Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members who do not have an IEP. For children not served under an IEP, nursing services must be those services documented in the student's Care Plan based on a written order by the child's primary care practitioner (PCP) or other prescribing practitioner at the request of the PCP, within the scope of his or her practice under State Law.
- In order to receive reimbursement, the LEA must be an enrolled Medicaid provider.
- Enrollment in both the CISS and Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE) programs is required to receive reimbursement for direct nursing services rendered to eligible non-IEP Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members.

Services and Eligibility

Services

- Audiology
- Nursing
- Nutrition provided by licensed dietitians
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Counseling provided by licensed clinical social workers
- Speech-language pathology

Eligibility

Children's Intervention School Services (CISS) are provided to Medicaid-eligible recipients ages three through twenty (20) years with physical disabilities or a developmental delay, who have been recommended for rehabilitative or restorative intervention services by the child's primary care practitioner (PCP) or other prescribing practitioner at the request of the PCP, within the scope of his or her practice under State Law.

For More Information

Visit www.dch.georgia.gov for additional information.