

CHILDREN'S INTERVENTION SCHOOL SERVICES (CISS) EXPANDED NURSING SERVICES

Frequently Asked Questions

General Introduction

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) has partnered with the Georgia Department of Education (DOE) to develop a model for expansion of the current Children's Intervention School Services Program to the general student population to allow Medicaid funds to support children's health screenings and those nursing activities that can safely be provided in the school environment.

Background

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 for Medicaid-eligible students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

The reimbursable services under the CISS Program include:
Seven intervention services:

- Audiology
- Counseling provided by licensed Clinical Social Workers
- Nursing
- Nutrition provided by licensed Dietitians
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Speech Therapy

Associated administrative costs related to development, administration, general implementation and management of the CISS Program can be claimed under the Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE) Program. A Random Moment Time Study is used to determine allowable administrative costs for Medicaid reimbursement. Further detail about the ACE Program and claims reimbursement is available on the Public Consulting Group (PCG) claiming site specific to the ACE implementation plan and posted webinar trainings. The training is available to all enrolled CISS providers. The information is available at:

<https://claimingsystem.pcgus.com/ga/Account/Login>.

DCH has submitted a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to expand the current CISS Program to allow additional claiming for Medicaid-enrolled children from the general student population for medically necessary tasks. In anticipation of CMS approval of the expansion, DCH and DOE have received a number of questions specific to the expansion of nursing services.

The questions and responses below represent a summary of questions received from Local Education Agencies throughout Georgia.

1. How will the expanded nursing services differ from the current nursing services offered?

DCH Response:

- 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 whose school services are not defined through an IEP.*
- The services may be provided by a Registered Nurse (RN) or by a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).
- Enrollment in both the CISS and Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE) programs is required to receive reimbursement for direct nursing services rendered to non-IEP Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids members.
- As it relates to the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS), an additional cost pool will be added for all nursing services and related staff activity

2. What services may be billed under this expansion?

DCH Response:

- 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.
- The billable procedure codes under this expansion will include T1002 (RN Services), T1502 (Medication Administration), and T1003 (LPN Services).
- The procedure codes service limits listed in the CISS manual will remain the same for both populations.

3. When will the expanded nursing services begin?

DCH Response:

- Currently, the Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) is pending approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”).

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires that States follow a specific process in order to add new services and reimbursement rates or expand programs. The timeline for CMS approval is somewhat unpredictable, often requiring response to specific questions from CMS. CMS must approve the expansion prior to its implementation.

4. How are the nursing services billed?

DCH Response:

- The Local Education Agency (LEA) bills for the services rendered.
- Services are billed in units. 1 unit = 15 minutes. Standard CMS issued National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) / Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) edits apply.
- Services are billed through claims submission into Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS).
- All claims must be submitted specific to the individual Medicaid-enrolled child with specific procedure codes supported by documentation.
- Administrative claims are submitted directly to Public Consulting Group (PCG), the Medicaid contractor responsible for claims reimbursement under the ACE Program.

5. Will the LEA be allowed to bill for contracted nursing services under the expansion?

DCH Response:

- Yes, contracted nurses are utilized by LEAs to provide services in the CISS program.

6. Will the LEA be able to bill any of the nursing services via tele-health?

DCH Response:

- Yes, LEAs can serve and bill as a telemedicine originating site. LEAs may enroll in the Health Check Program (COS 600) to serve as telemedicine originating sites only. Additional information about telemedicine can be found in the Telemedicine Guidance document or the Part II, Policies and Procedures for Children's Intervention School Services manual, located online at www.mmis.georgia.gov under the Provider Information tab, Provider Manuals dropdown list.

7. Will there be a time study?

DCH Response:

- Yes, the CISS program will still have the Random Moment Time Study and an additional cost pool will be added for all nursing services and relevant staff costs associated with the nursing service.

8. How do LEAs enroll for the CISS and ACE Programs?

DCH Response:

- Georgia Medicaid has an online enrollment process. Providers may enroll in Medicaid through the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) Web Portal at: <https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/default.aspx>. Providers enroll online by:
 - Clicking on Provider Enrollment
 - Clicking on Enrollment Wizard (scroll to bottom of screen)
 - Clicking on Provider Enrollment Application
 - Clicking on New Application
 - Choose the facility enrollment application type
 - Choose “Other Service Providers” for the provider type
 - Once you have uploaded all of the required enrollment documents, please mail only the hard-copy Memorandum of Understanding to Tamara Wilson at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 37th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

- For direct assistance, here are other options for information:
 - Contact **Medicaid provider enrollment** - 1-800-766-4456
 - DCH and DXC Technology also invites you to attend Webinars focused on new provider enrollment. The webinars, ***Georgia Medicaid Helpful Enrollment Tips***, will be held through August 2019. To register online, visit: <https://forms.gle/FViuuV23GrFdeRm26>.

- Upon enrollment as a CISS provider, the LEA is auto-enrolled in the ACE Program

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