

School-Based Claiming



The Center for Health Care Financing is a public consulting organization that takes a mission-driven approach to cost-effective care. By applying the knowledge and resources of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, we help state and local agencies maximize their resources to reduce health care costs.

What We Do

Since 1988, Congress has allowed local school districts to receive Medicaid reimbursement for health-related services provided to special education students. The Center for Health Care Financing serves these school districts by efficiently processing medical service claims and identifying administrative support costs that are eligible for federal reimbursement. Since the inception of its school-based claiming project team in 1997, the Center has helped local governments secure nearly \$750 million in medical service and administrative Medicaid revenue.

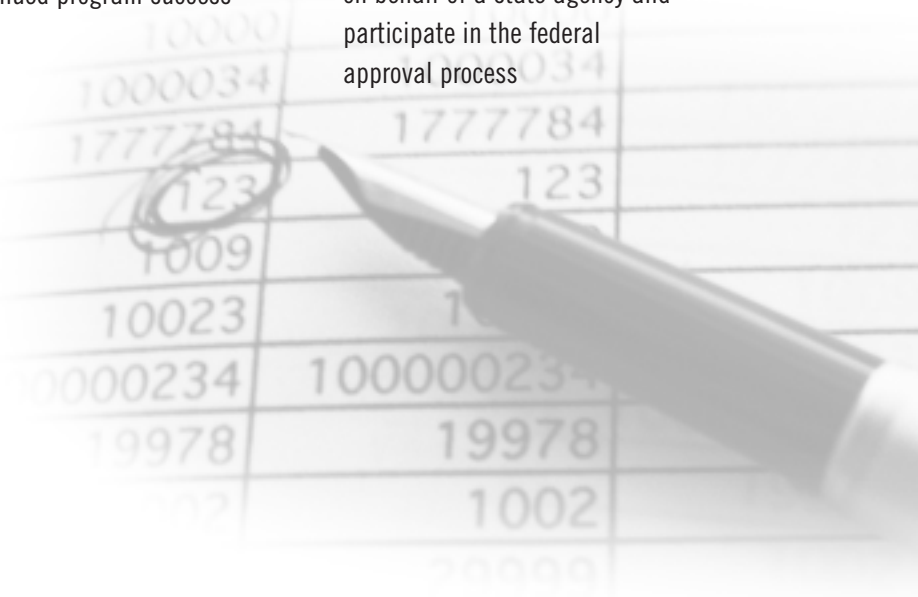
The Center works with a variety of state Medicaid and education agencies, developing and implementing school-based claiming programs to suit the needs of individual states. Claiming under these programs is supported by the Center's web-based online system, facilitating both medical service and administrative cost claiming. By helping local agencies maximize their available federal resources, the Center provides valuable financial support to local special education initiatives and early intervention health care programs.

Our Services

Federal Medicaid reimbursement is available to match school district expenditures for both direct medical services and administrative activities provided to special education students.

The Center works to maximize revenues for these services in the following ways:

- Reduce the administrative burden placed on participating school districts
- Allow school districts to track and manage all claims in an efficient online system
- Develop bundled rate or fee-for-service claiming methodologies
- Propose new claiming methodologies on behalf of a state agency and participate in the federal approval process
- Provide education and training to clients, ensuring continued program success



Our Web-Based System

In order to provide our clients with the most accurate and efficient service possible, the Center has created a web-based claiming system. Through a simple online interface, local school districts are able to:

- Input claim data
- Download and upload files in a variety of formats
- Document health-related services and time studies
- Maintain licensure information
- Track IEP prescribed services for each special education student
- Simplify audits and information requests
- Easily report full claims history, helping to centralize a district's claim information
- Permit or restrict user access to data, ensuring state-of-the-art security and compliance with all applicable federal security and privacy guidelines

Current Programs

The Center for Health Care Financing has developed school-based claiming programs that are currently operating in several states, including:

Massachusetts

The Massachusetts claiming program is managed and administered by the Center on a statewide basis, acting as the agent for the Medicaid agency. Nearly all of the Commonwealth's 351 eligible municipalities participate in the program, claiming both administrative and direct-service expenditures.

Rhode Island

The Center developed the school-based administrative claiming program for the State of Rhode Island and currently calculates claims on behalf of all participating school districts.

Virginia

Beginning in July 2002, the Center began the development of a revised school-based fee-for-service program and new administrative-claiming program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. A statewide claiming program was implemented in January 2003. Currently, the Center calculates administrative claims on behalf of all participating school districts.

Others

The Center has also assisted in the development and implementation of claiming programs in the states of Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey and Vermont.

Why Choose Us?

While other vendors may offer similar services, the Center for Health Care Financing is the only provider of school-based claiming programs that is a public sector agency. We encourage participation in this program because we believe that locally administered special education programs are a vital part of public health care. We have a broad range of experience and expertise in developing, implementing and managing school-based claiming projects on a statewide basis, and have worked with hundreds of local school districts to facilitate their receipt of federal revenue.

Please contact the Center for Health Care Financing today to learn how we can help your state or district to participate in this program.



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