



# How to Bill for Behavioral Health Services

School-Based Health Care Services Program  
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# Overview of SBHS Program

The School-Based Health Care Services (SBHS) Program is an optional Medicaid program which reimburses contracted school districts and ESDs for providing health-related services to students with IEPs and IFSPs. Services must be:

- Medically necessary
- Prescribed or recommended by a physician or other licensed health care provider operating within the provider's scope of practice under state law
- Included in the student's IEP or IFSP
- Provided in a school setting or via telemedicine if provided by a provider at a distant site
- Provided by WA State DOH licensed providers

School districts are allowed to receive Medicaid reimbursement per section 1903(c) and 1905(a) of the Social Security Act and the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA).

# SBHS Covered Services

- Evaluations when a child is determined to need early intervention or special education related services
- Re-evaluations to determine whether a child continues to need early intervention or special education related services
- Health-care related services included in the child's IEP or IFSP limited to:
  - Audiology services
  - **Counseling/mental health services**
  - Nursing services
  - Occupational therapy services
  - Physical therapy services
  - Psychological assessments
  - Speech-language therapy services

# Client Eligibility

- Children who meet definition of an “at-risk infant or toddler” or a “child with a disability” per the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Birth through age 2 (Part C) with IFSP and age 3 through age 20 (Part B) with IEP
- Title XIX Medicaid-Categorically Needy (CN) or Medically Needy (MN)
  - Children enrolled in Apple Health Managed Care Organization (MCO) receive SBHS fee-for-service
  - Private insurance must be billed primary to Apple Health (Medicaid)

# Behavioral Health Services

## **Covered SBHS behavioral health services include:**

- Individual and group counseling services for the purpose of assisting a child with adjustment to the child's disability
- Psychological assessments
- Psychological developmental testing and therapy

Behavioral health services must be included in the child's IEP or IFSP in order to be reimbursable through the SBHS Program.

# Who May Provide Behavioral Health Services?

- Licensed independent clinical social worker (LiCSW)
- Licensed advanced social worker (LiACSW)
- Licensed mental health counselor (LMHC)
- Licensed mental health counselor associate (LMHCA) under supervision
- Providers may be a district employee or a sub-contractor
- All providers must hold current WA State Department of Health (DOH) licensure
- **ESA is not required to bill Medicaid**

Provider licensing requirements can be found on the Department of Health website:  
<http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate>

# DOH Provider Qualifications

- Psychologist License Requirements:  
[http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworU  
pdate/Psychologist/LicenseRequirements](http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworU<br/>pdate/Psychologist/LicenseRequirements)
- LiCSW, LiACSW:  
[http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworU  
pdate/SocialWorker](http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworU<br/>pdate/SocialWorker)
- LMHC, LMHCA:  
[http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworU  
pdate/MentalHealthCounselor/LicenseRequirements](http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworU<br/>pdate/MentalHealthCounselor/LicenseRequirements)

# SBHS Billable Behavioral Health Codes

Procedure Code	Description
S9445	Pt education individual
S9446	Pt education group
96101	Psych testing by psych/phys

Detailed instructions on how to bill for behavioral health codes is available in the [SBHS Billing Guide](#).



# Behavioral Health Codes Fee Schedule

Procedure Code	Maximum Allowable Fee
S9445	\$17.72
S9446	\$5.91
96101	\$47.78

The SBHS Program follows the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy .

## Billable Services per Provider Type

### Psychologist

- 96101
- S9445
- S9446

### LiCSW, LiACSW, LMHC, LMHCA

- S9445
- S9446

# Documentation Requirements

## Treatment notes must include:

- Date of service
- Time-in/Time-out
- Procedure code
- # of units billed
- Description of service provided
- Child's progress to each service
- Note whether individual or group therapy
- Signature or initials of provider

## Sample treatment log:

School District Name:	School:
Student Name (Last, First, M):	ProviderOne ID:
Student DOB:	
Provider Printed Name and Title:	
Service Month/Year:	

<b>Goals &amp; Objectives:</b> To Improve/Increase	<b>Procedures:</b>	
A) Fine Motor Manipulation Skills	1.) Hand Strengthening	9.) Food Self w/Utensil
B) Visual Perceptual Skills	2.) Letter Formation	10.) Fasten/Unfasten Buttons
C) Self Care Skills	3.) Grasp Pattern	11.) Pull Up/Unfasten Buttons
D) Balance Skills	4.) Place words on a line	12.) Balance
E) Visual Motor Skills	5.) Space Words Properly	13.) Speed/Dexterity Activities
F) Sensory Integration	6.) Increase Keyboarding Skills	14.) Puzzles
G) Bilateral Integration	7.) Increase Bilateral Coordination	15.) Draw <del>Shape</del> Letter/Characters
	8.) Drink from Cup	16.) Cut on a line

Professional Service Log		Progress Indicator			Time/Units	Service	Type			
DATE	GOALS & OBJECTIVES/PROCEDURE ACTIVITY NOTES ADDRESSED/COMMENTS**	Progressed	Maintained	Regressed	Start Time/End Time/Total Minutes	Total Units	Code	Individual	Group	Provider Initials

\*\*\*Write a Goal/Objectives Code & Procedure/Activity Code & Comment

(Provider Signature)

Date

(Supervisor Signature if applicable)

Date

# Benefits of SBHS Program

- SBHS Program allows SDs/ESDs to recover a portion of the cost incurred for providing health related services to Medicaid eligible students
- Annual reimbursement to school districts for behavioral health services ranges from \$1000-\$9000
- Funding can be used in variety of ways
  - Hiring additional staff
  - Assistive technology
  - Professional Development

Over 200 school districts contract with SBHS, but less than five districts billed for behavioral health services during 2015-16 school year.

# Questions?

## More Information:

<http://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers/programs-and-services/school-based-health-care-services-sbhs>

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