

# **MassHealth Review of Updated School-Based Services Guidance from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**

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Through the 2022 Bipartisan Safe Communities Act (BSCA), the Biden-Harris Administration charged CMS with expanding access to Medicaid health care services in schools, including behavioral health services, and reducing administrative burden for states and schools. On May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, CMS published *Delivering Service in School-Based Settings: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Claiming*. Developed in consultation with the U.S. Department of Education, the document is a comprehensive, all-in-one update of the previous Direct Service Claiming (1997) and Administrative Claiming (2003) guides for school-based services.

We recognize that LEAs will have many questions and concerns, and we look forward to working with LEAs as we consider how we will leverage these new opportunities to increase access to sustainable, federal Medicaid funding that supports the well-being and health of all students. In the meantime, we are reviewing the guidance and we will develop a process to engage with and solicit LEA input on program design. If you have questions, email them to: [SchoolBasedClaiming@umassmed.edu](mailto:SchoolBasedClaiming@umassmed.edu)

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