

Who We Are...

Established in 1998, Texas State Billing Services, Inc. (TSBS) is a family owned and operated Texas corporation comprised of experienced School Medicaid (SHARS) consultants.

The staff and consultants of TSBS have over 15 years of exposure in the area of Medicaid reimbursement claims and are considered experts in this field.

We draw on our staffs' backgrounds in education, administration, quality control and management to provide the highest degree of personal service while minimizing the time required by school district personnel to facilitate this program.

This dynamic combination of skill and effort provides maximum returns for the school districts.



Texas State Billing Services, Inc.

TSBS has developed an efficient and confidential Medicaid administration program that school districts in Texas have come to rely on. We work daily with school personnel and parents to make sure that all documentation and information about this increasingly important program are clearly and correctly handled.

We are dedicated in making sure that parents have full knowledge of this program and many of the benefits for schools across Texas.

For more information about how the SHARS program may benefit your school or your child, please contact TSBS or the Medicaid number listed below.

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Medicaid, SHARS, The District and You*

Dear Parents,

Here is a brief informational pamphlet to inform you of how Medicaid funds and the SHARS program are working together to support your school.

Over the years, this proven confidential program has provided millions of dollars to assist school districts across the state. You are invited to learn more...

*Your school's Medicaid reimbursement program is being administered by:



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For Texas Schools...for Texas Children

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In an effort to provide the best services possible, your school district has been approved as a provider for School Health and Related Services (SHARS) for their participation in the Texas Medicaid program. If your child or children are currently covered through Medicaid, we will be able to obtain funding for the school, from Medicaid, for providing your children any of the following services, as determined by the Admission, Review and Dismissal (ARD) committee and as stated in your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Assessment
Audiology
Counseling
Medical Services
School Health Services
Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy
Psychological Services
Speech—Language Therapy
Special Transportation
Personal Care

As a parent you have the right to choose a provider other than the school district; however, the provider you choose must be an approved SHARS provider. An approved provider may be the school, another agency, person or organization qualified to provide the services required for your child.

The following Frequently Asked Questions and answers will give you some background on the SHARS program and how it affects your child and the school district.

Q: What is the SHARS program?

A: The SHARS (Texas Medicaid) program is a Federally funded program run by Medicaid. This program was set up to allow Texas school districts the ability to bill Medicaid for the health related services Texas schools provide children with Medicaid health insurance. The Federal Medicaid program will pay approximately 59% of the costs of these services for eligible students.

Q: How does Parental Consent factor into SHARS?

A: As of March 18, 2013, the US Dept of Education passed a law stating the school districts Special Education departments must provide the parent/guardian with annual notification to bill Medicaid once informed written consent has been obtained.

Informed written consent to bill Medicaid is still required however it is **only** required **one time**, prior to billing for SHARS Medicaid reimbursement. The districts no longer are required to obtain written parental consent each time the district wishes to bill for Medicaid. Even if the services change, districts do not need to acquire new written consent.

Q: Will the money collected go directly to my child?

A: No. The money will be paid to the school district who is the "provider" of the health-related services. Indirectly, of course, this new source of funding will help ALL children and reduce local tax payers costs. It is typically used to help the school purchase items that students needs.

Q: Are there other forms and paperwork to fill out?

A: NO. All other paperwork will be handled by the school and Texas State Billing Services. The only paperwork required by the parent is the initial informed parental consent agreement. Once the consent form is signed the first time, the school district will inform you each subsequent year that they will be billing for your child's service(s), at which time you have to option to withdraw your consent.

Q: Will this program affect my child's regular Medicaid coverage?

A: NO. The School Medicaid program is *completely separate* from the Medicaid program that covers your child's normal Medicaid expenses.

Q: My child does NOT have Medicaid Health Insurance, but I'd like more information about Medicaid. What do I do?

A: We have listed in this brochure the phone number for Medicaid Health Insurance information. This office can confidentially tell you whether or not your child could be eligible.

NOTE: If your child receives free or reduced lunch at school, he or she may qualify for Medicaid Insurance.

Q: Is our family's income the only criteria for Medicaid coverage?

A: No. The "Katie Beckett" program provides coverage for children with severe disabilities who are being cared for at home. If a child meets the medical criteria for this program, the income of the parents is not considered in determining eligibility for Medicaid.