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Thank you for participating in today's presentation!

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We will leave time during today's webinar to answer questions submitted in the question box.

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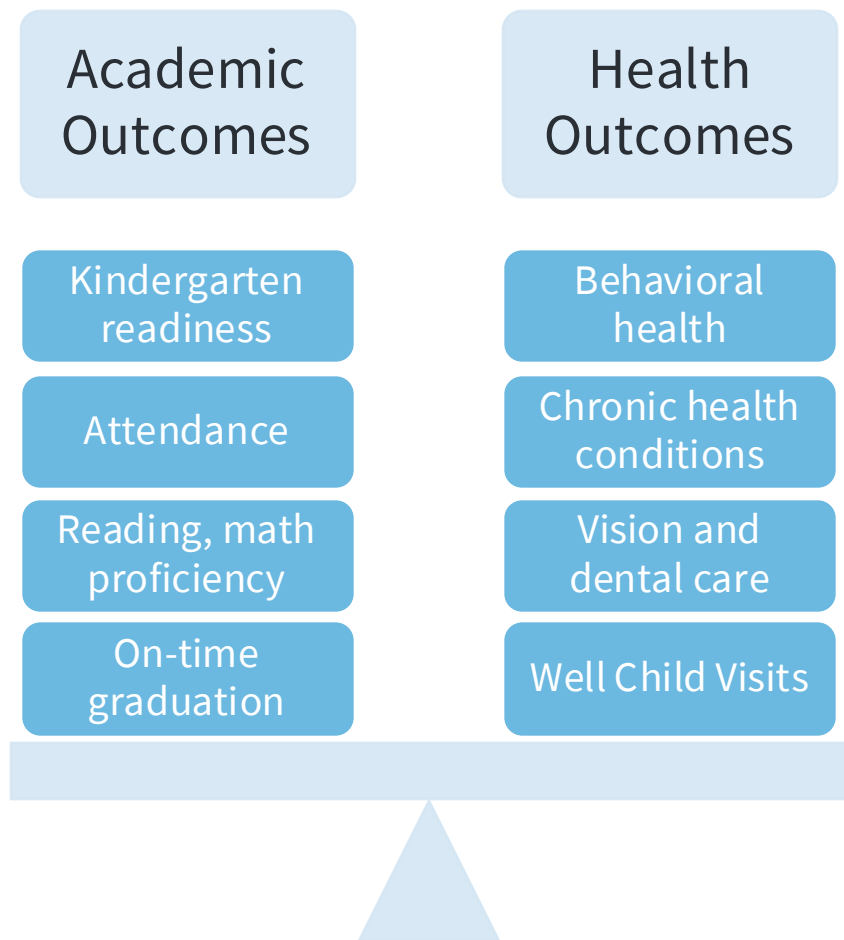
Our Students



There are 1.6 million students in Ohio who attend a public school district or a community (charter) school.

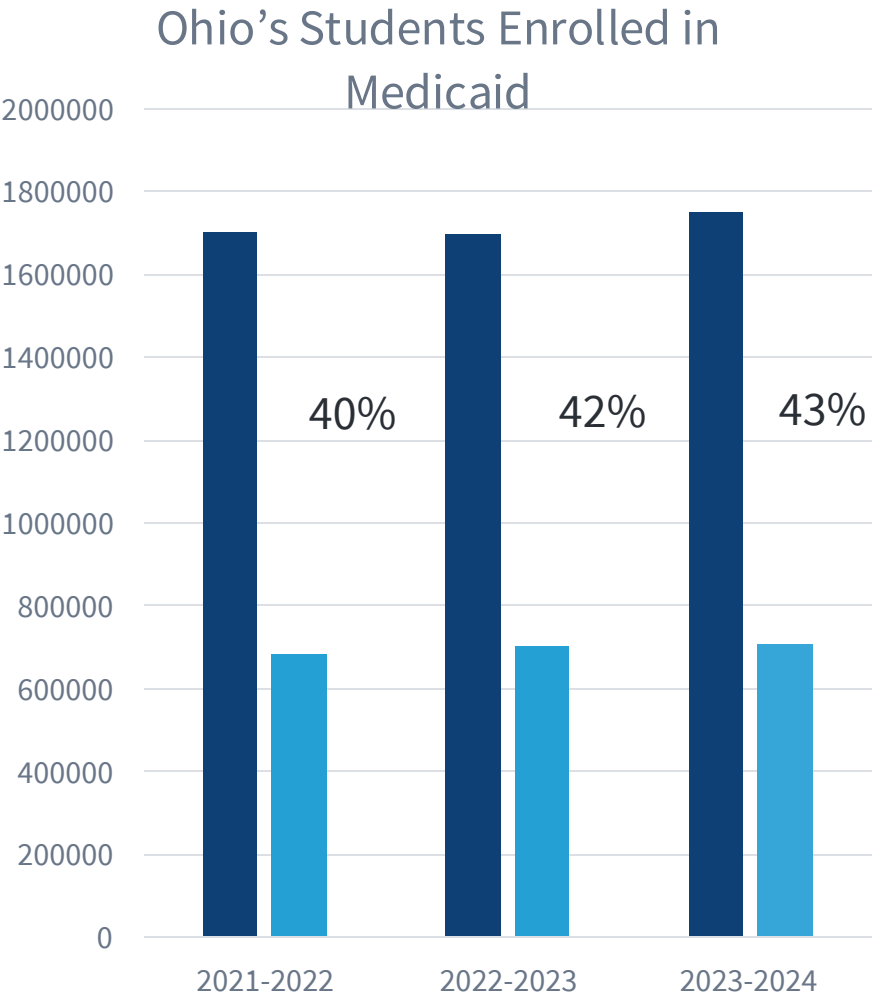
More than 700,000 of Ohio's students are enrolled in Medicaid.

Ohio Healthy Students Profile

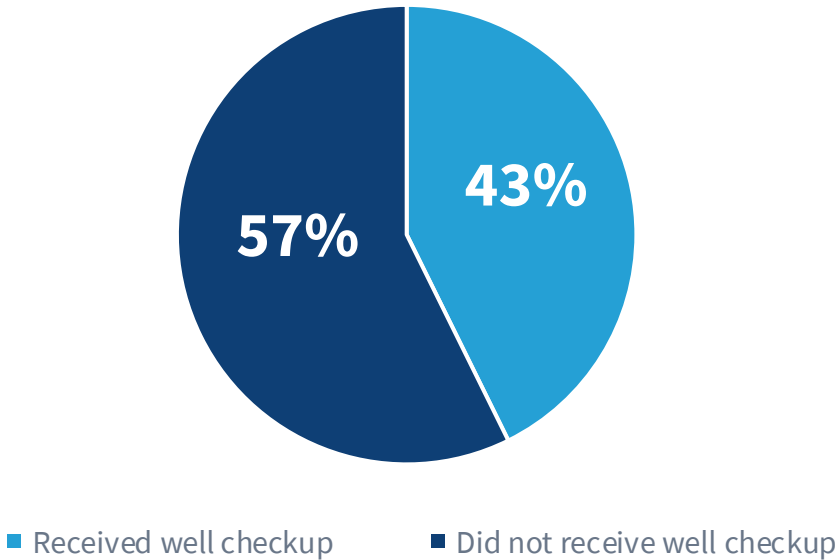


	Medicaid-Enrolled Students	State Rate	
Chronic absenteeism	37.7%	16.5%	↑
Kindergarten readiness	21.2%	49.7%	↓
English Language Arts proficiency	46%	71%	↓
Mathematics proficiency	36.9%	61.9%	↓
Disciplinary actions per 100 students	41.2	13.2%	↑
On-time graduation	78.9%	92%	↓

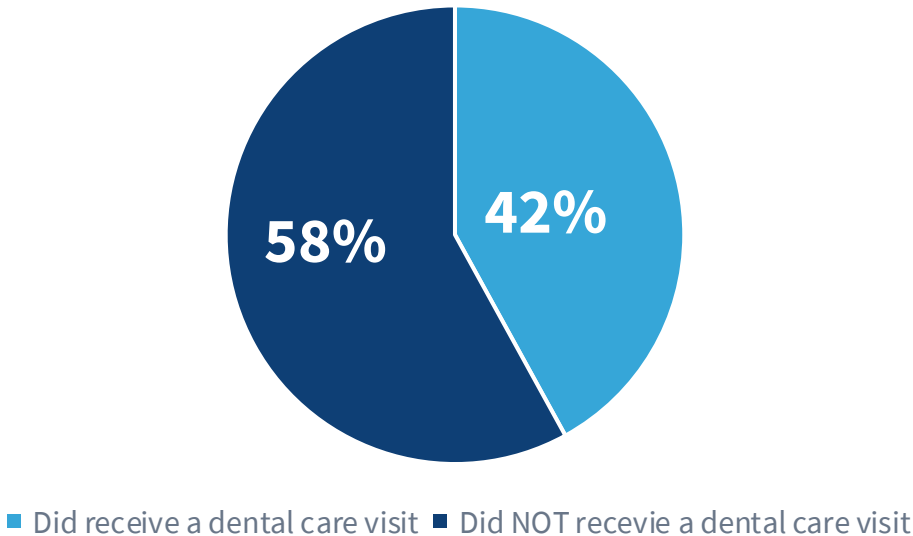
Ohio Healthy Students Profiles



Annual Comprehensive Well-Child Checkup, 2023-2024 school year

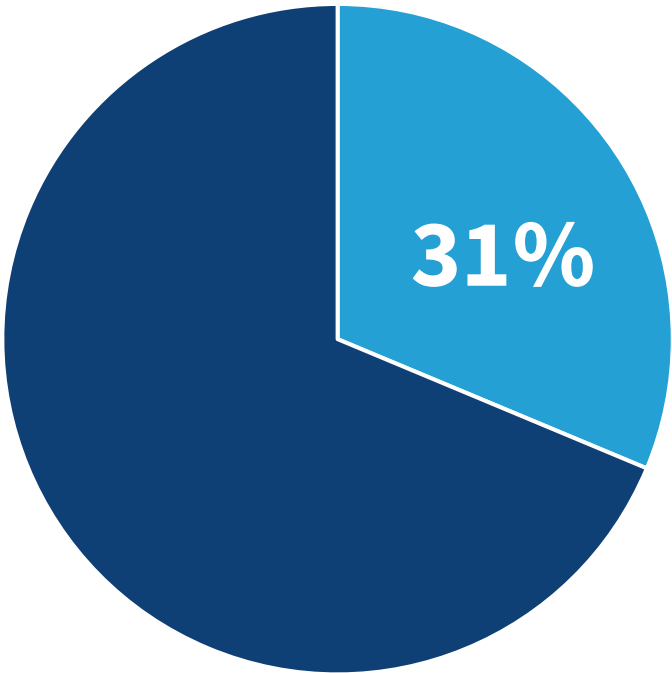


Annual Dental Visit, 2023-2024 School year

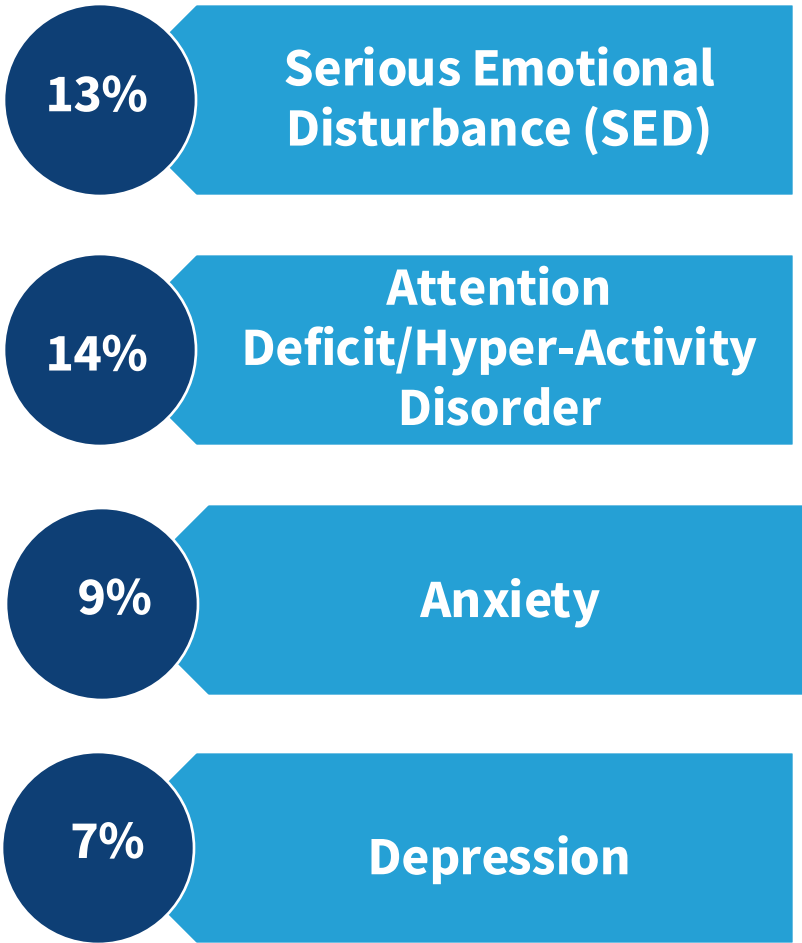


Ohio Healthy Students Profile

Medicaid-Enrolled Students with Behavioral Health Diagnosis, 2023-2024



■ Percent with a diagnosis ■ Percent without a diagnosis



School based health delivery models



**Partner with
Community Provider**



**Medicaid School
Program**



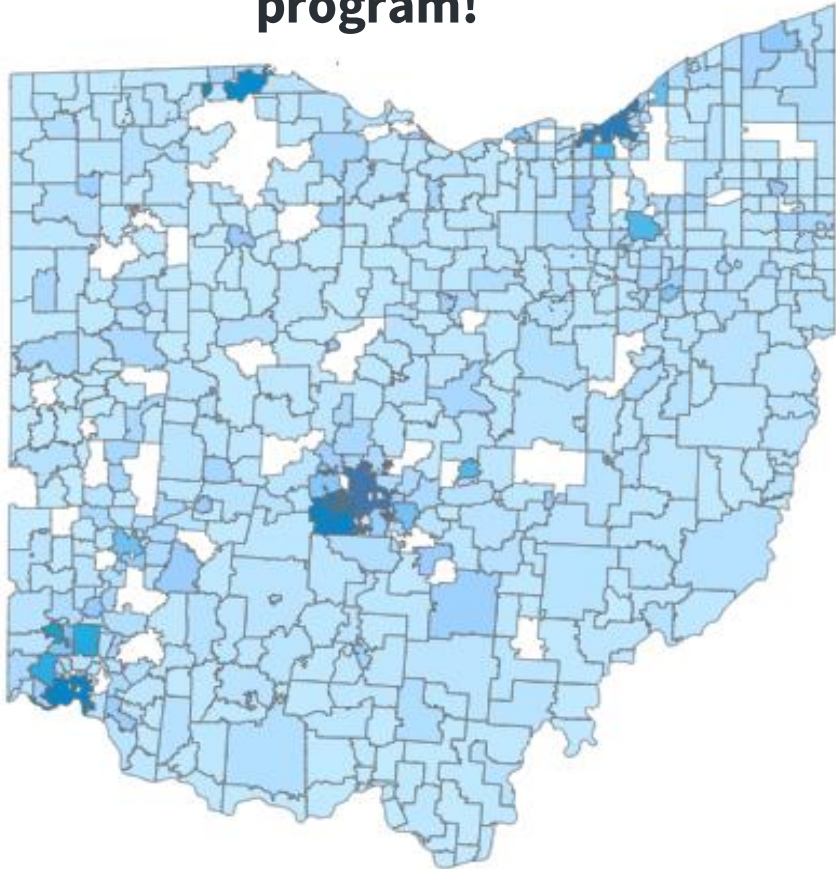
**School-Based
Health Center**



**School Health
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Ohio's Medicaid School Program

87% of Ohio's school districts participate in the Medicaid school program!



- MSP is administered by the Ohio Department of Medicaid and is authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.
- Districts receive reimbursement for the federal share of Medicaid funding. The districts are responsible for paying the state share with local, state or philanthropic dollars (including Student Wellness and Success funds!)

Ohio's Medicaid School Program

The Medicaid School Program (MSP) allows local educational agencies (LEAs), community schools, and state schools for the blind and deaf to seek reimbursement for **Medicaid eligible services provided to students who have services documented in a plan of care when the student's disability is impacting their academic achievement or regular school attendance.**

Eligible Services

Occupational Therapy



Physical Therapy



Speech



Audiology



Nursing



Behavioral Health



Transportation

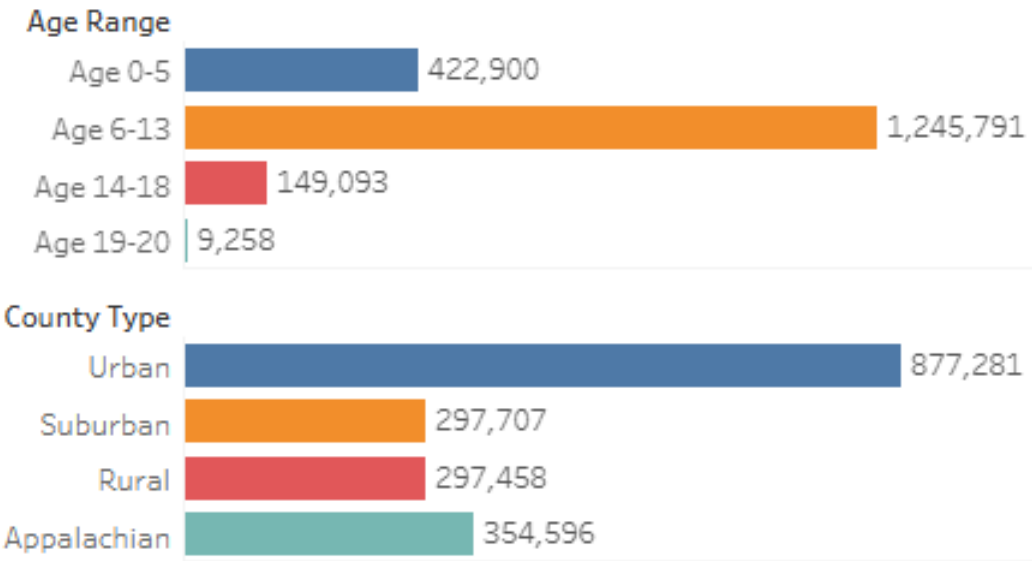
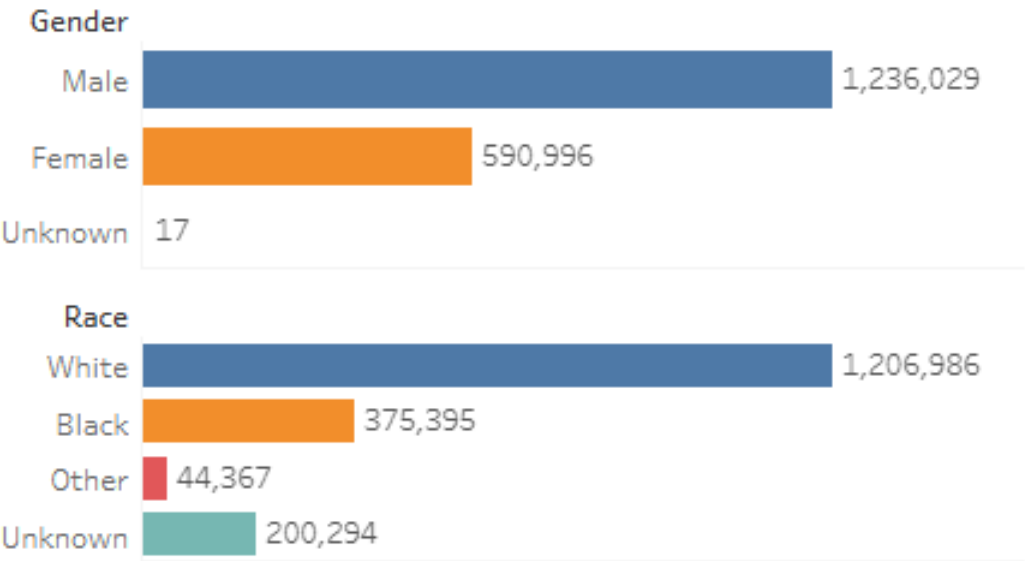


MSP's Impact on Students with Disabilities (2022-2023 school year)

1,827,042
Services Rendered

85,568
Students Served

\$143,771,801
Dollars Reimbursed



Updates to Ohio's MSP Program Effective Jan. 1, 2026

Updates for the 2025-2026 School Year:

- As of July 1, 2025, MSP day-to-day operations were transferred from DEW to ODM.
- Each district participating in MSP is required to appoint an MSP coordinator.
 - This person is the point-of-contact at each district so ODM can communicate updates and opportunities about the program.
- Providers must complete an annual training for the Random Moment Time Study.
- Random Moment Time Study Updates (RMTS) updates to be compliant with CMS:
 - Contracted staff are included in RMTS
 - 2-day response window (previously 5-day response window)
 - Includes a 4th quarter of moments
- [Ohio Administrative Code 5160-35](#) for the Medicaid School Program updates effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Data-Driven, Stakeholder-Centered Approach



Data-driven decisions

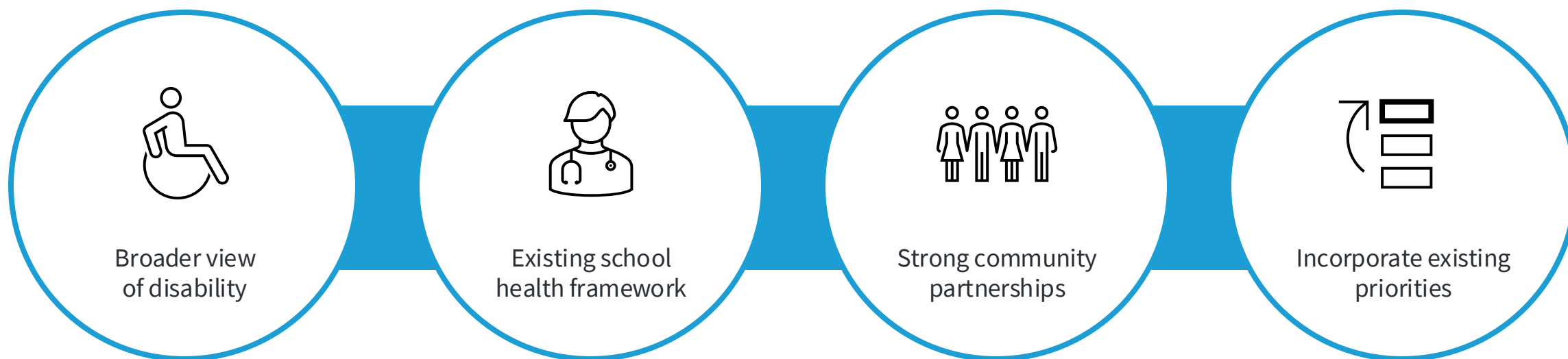
- MSP dashboard
- Healthy Student Profiles
- School-based Health Data
- Student Wellness and Success Data



Stakeholder Engagement

- Exploratory meetings with sister agencies
- Targeted meetings
- 2 statewide webinars
- 1 statewide survey
- Focus groups for implementation
- Public comment for Ohio Administrative Code

Ohio's guiding principles to expanding the Medicaid school program



Changes to Ohio's Medicaid School Program



Expanded Student Eligibility

- The School Services Plan of Care can be used to document medical necessity of services for **Medicaid-enrolled students who receive eligible Medicaid services and have an approved plan of care.**



New Direct Services and Provider Types

- Expanded nursing and behavioral health services
- Additional provider roles have been approved to deliver and document for Medicaid-eligible services.
- Benefits for all Medicaid-enrolled students without a plan of care



RMTS Updates

- RMTS now includes Q1 (July–September).
- Participants have 2 business/school days (48 hours) to respond to their moment vs 5 business days previously.
- Contracted providers required to be included in RMTS
- Coming 2026-2027 school year – school districts will submit RMTS rosters directly to Ohio's RMTS vendor.



Medicaid Administrative Claiming

- Ohio will make changes to Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) reimbursement in the future.

Updates to Ohio's Medicaid School Program

	Behavioral Health	Nursing
Summary of changes	• Additional behavior health professionals added as eligible service providers • Therapeutic Behavior Services are available for reimbursement (with a plan of care) • Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment for alcohol and/or substance misuse added to the program • Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation counseling services available for reimbursement	• Additional nursing professionals added as eligible service providers • Preventive care screenings provided to all students enrolled in Medicaid can be reimbursed • Chronic disease management and behavioral health nursing services (with a plan of care) • Behavioral health nursing services
<u>New</u> provider types	• Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (MFTs) • Licensed Independent Marriage and Family Therapists (IMFTs) • Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor II or III • Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselors (LICDCs) • CANS Assessor • Assistants and trainees	• Licensed Physician Assistants (PAs) • Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNPs) • Licensed Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS)

School Services Plan of Care

A standardized and timebound template developed and maintained by the Ohio Department of Medicaid to be used by the MSP provider. The school services plan of care serves as documentation of the services an eligible child will receive as part of the Medicaid school program to address an eligible child's physical, mental, or behavioral health needs that inhibit the eligible child's academic performance or regular school attendance.

- Demographic page
- Signature page
- Alternative documentation page OR Documentation of Medical Necessity Questionnaire

- ☐ Absence Intervention Plan
- ☐ Behavioral Intervention plan
- ☐ Safety Plan
- ☐ Mental health treatment plan from a school or community provider
- ☐ Individualized Health Plan (IHP)
- ☐ Child and Family Centered Plan
- ☐ Seizure Action Plan
- ☐ 504 plan
- ☐ Occupational therapy plan of care
- ☐ Physical therapy plan of care
- ☐ Nursing Care Plan
- ☐ Asthma Management Plan
- ☐ Diabetes Management Plan

School Services Plan of Care

Alternative form of documentation must:

- ✓ Be based on an assessment of need conducted by an authorized school district representative or provider.
- ✓ Include specific services to be used, and the amount, duration, and frequency of each service.
- ✓ Include specific goals to be achieved as a result of the service provided, including the level or degree of improvement expected.
- ✓ Specify timelines for re-assessment, which should be no more than twelve-months from the date of the initial evaluation or most recent re-assessment, of the eligible child and updates to the plan of care.

Public Health Package

MSP services can be reimbursed for all students enrolled in Medicaid without a plan of care but with sufficient documentation of medical necessity (OAC 5160-35-07):

Physical, mental, and behavioral health screenings to identify children who may be at risk of experiencing health conditions and used for appropriate service referrals.

Administration of medication prescribed by an authorized prescriber.

Contacting a prescribing or order provider about prescription or treatment orders.

Consultation with parents and providers regarding a physical, mental, or behavioral health condition or diagnosis.

Administration of the Children and Adolescent Strengths and Needs (CANS) Assessment by a trained CANS Assessor and if a CANS Assessment has not been previously completed for the child.

Direct service activities to address tobacco prevention, cessation, and vaping.

Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral, and Treatment (SBIRT).

Ohio Administrative Code 5160-35-06

- There are no changes to requirements for MSP billing for transportation or medical equipment and supplies.
 - Please review [Ohio Administrative Code 5160-35-06](#) for details.
- Ohio removed Targeted Case Management (TCM) from the MSP benefits package.

Actions you can take today



- ✓ MSP updates are optional!
- ✓ Review the resources posted on the MSP webpage
- ✓ Review Ohio Administrative Code 5160-35.
- ✓ Talk to your providers about what they are already doing that you could bill for. You don't have to do it all at once.
- ✓ Think through your district's process for obtaining parental permission to bill Medicaid for students without an IEP.
- ✓ Ensure any provider you want to bill for is on the RMTS.
- ✓ Make sure all providers are trained to answer RMTS moments and answer all moments received.
- ✓ Ask how your district is utilizing Student Wellness and Success Funds.



Save the Date!

RMTS Changes and Implementation

Feb. 19

3:00 – 4:00

Registration information will be
emailed to MSP Coordinators

Resources

- [Ohio Administrative Code for MSP \(5160-35\)](#)
- [ODM's MSP Webpage](#)
 - [School Services Plan of Care Form](#)
 - [School Services Plan of Care Guidance](#)
 - [MSP Services Beginning Jan. 1, 2026](#)
 - [MSP Training framework](#)
 - [Ohio MSP Third Party Billing Agent Contact Information](#)
 - [MSP Billing Guidance](#)
 - [Becoming an MSP Provider](#)

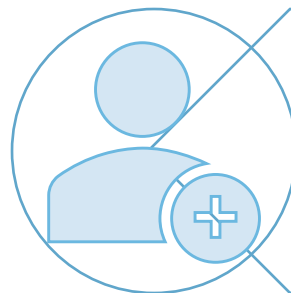
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