

What is Medical Necessity?

Medical necessity is a health care service or product that is necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional standards to:

- Diagnose, treat or prevent illness or disease;
- Regain functional capacity; or
- Reduce the effects of an illness, injury, or disability.



What is a Plan of Care (POC)?

A medical document developed after an assessment by a qualified health professional. A POC contains:

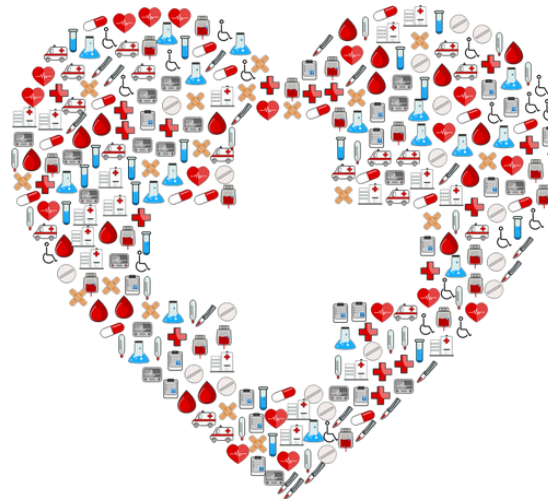
- A health condition/diagnosis that requires treatment;
- The type of treatment that will be provided;
- The frequency of the treatment;
- Short-term objectives of the treatment;
- Time frame to evaluate the progress of the treatment; and
- A start and end date (no longer than 1 year).

Only some Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) are POCs. Not all IEPs contain medically necessary treatment, some contain only educational. Only some 504 Accommodation Plans are POCs. Not all 504 Accommodation Plans contain all the items required to be a POC.

Covered Medicaid SHS

Medically necessary services written in your child's POC such as:

- Mental Health Services
- Nursing services
- Therapy services
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Wheelchairs
- Case Management



Requirements to Receive Services

- A diagnosis or disability that may entitle the student to a POC for medically necessary services;
- A POC that includes medical services;
- Student is eligible under Nevada Medicaid or NCU; and
- Student between 3 years of age and under the age of 21

Parental Consent

Schools are required to obtain your consent before releasing your student's information for billing. This is completed with a consent form.

Medicaid is mandated to pay for any services only after third parties (e.g., private insurance or other federal programs) have paid for services. If you have Medicaid and another insurance, please work with the school district to see how this might be billed.

If you do not agree to let the schools bill your private insurance, POC services will still be provided at no cost to you.



If schools bill Medicaid or Nevada Check Up, will services that my child receives outside of school be affected?

No, the SHS received through the child's POC are authorized separately from the Medicaid or NCU services received outside of school. The SHS program does not affect Medicaid or NCU benefits provided by non-school based providers.

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Parents need to work with their child's Medicaid case manager to verify services received at school do not impact monthly cost allowance.

Parental Responsibilities

- Provide the school district with accurate and current medical information, including diagnosis, attending physician, medication, etc.
- Assure that your child sees a doctor for their annual “well-check” check-up.
- Provide your child’s Medicaid or NCU ID number and any other insurance information.
- Provide the school with your decision on the consent form to bill Medicaid.
- Understand that consent is voluntary and can be revoked at any time.
- Attend all POC development meeting(s) to fully understand your child’s services.

For more information on Nevada Medicaid SHS, you may contact your local Nevada Medicaid district office at:

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy – Nevada Medicaid

1100 East William Street, Suite 102
Carson City, NV 89701
NV State Operator Toll Free (800) 992-0900
Website: <http://dhcfnv.gov/>

Las Vegas District Office
(702) 668-4200

Reno District Office
(775) 687-1900

Carson City District Office
(775) 684-3651

Elko District Office
(775) 753-1191



Department of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)

1470 College Parkway
Carson City, NV 89706
North: (775) 684-7200
South: (702) 486-1646
Toll Free: (800) 992-0900
<http://dwss.nv.gov/>

Nevada Department of Education (NDE)

Carson City Main Location
700 E. Fifth Street
Carson City, NV 89701
Phone: (775) 687-9200
Fax: (775) 687-9101
<http://www.doe.nv.gov/index.html>

Nevada Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP)

Las Vegas Office Phone: (702) 388-8899
Reno Office Phone: (775) 448-9950
Toll Free: (800) 216-5188
E-mail: pepinfo@nvpep.org
Website: www.nvpep.org

Related Links:

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/>
U.S. Department of Education
<http://idea.ed.gov/explore/home>

Nevada Medicaid & Nevada Check Up (NCU)

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (SHS)



School Health Services (SHS) are available for eligible Medicaid and Nevada Check Up (NCU) children between 3 years of age and under the age of 21, in both Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Managed Care.

The services are covered under FFS and not billed to the Managed Care entity.

The SHS Program

Nevada Medicaid may pay for some medically necessary health related services provided by the schools when the services are written in your child’s Plan of Care (POC).