

School Based Health Center – Fact Sheet



Program Overview

A School Based Health Center (SBHC) is a clinic that has been certified by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health as a Nevada School Based Health Center. A SBHC performs a multitude of different services to help improve access to care for low-income, underserved school-aged youth. This delivery model will assist in ensuring this population will receive comprehensive, interdisciplinary preventive and primary care they may not normally have access to. SBHC's are health centers located on or near a school facility of a school district, independent school, or board of an Indian tribe or tribal organization. A SBHC operates as a separate delivery model from a School Based Child Health Services (SBCHS) which is provided by the school district, authorized by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) developed by a multidisciplinary treatment team, under MSM policy chapter 2800, and recommended by guidance from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Prior Authorizations (PA)

Services rendered are still required to follow the PA requirements under the specific medical coverage policy. All services must be medically necessary as defined in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 100. Review policy for each service provided for PA rules in the MSM.

Billing Process

Whenever there are any other responsible resources for payment of health care services, Medicaid generally is the payer of last resort. Other health care coverage/resources include, but are not limited to: Medicare, worker's compensation insurance, private or group insurance, and any self insured plans. Providers are required to bill these other resources prior to submitting a claim to the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) for Medicaid services.

School Based Health Center Providers must also meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a PT 17 Specialty 179;
- Have a billing number and a servicing number that are the same;
- Follow the billing instructions listed under specialty clinics (PT 17);
- Provide services only within the servicing provider's scope of service;
- Servicing providers must meet Medicaid Provider qualifications; and
- Follow medical coverage policy located in MSM Chapter 600.

Covered Services

A SBHC is a special clinic that is classified as a Specialty Clinic for billing purposes. Medically necessary services provided may include but are not be limited to:

- primary and preventive health care and medical screenings;
- treatment for common illnesses and minor injuries;
- referral and follow-up for serious illnesses and emergencies;
- care and consultation, as well as referral and follow-up for pregnancy, chronic diseases and disorders, and emotional and behavioral problems;
- referral, preventive services, and care for high risk behaviors and conditions such as drug and alcohol abuse, violence, injuries, and sexually transmitted diseases;
- sports physicals as long as it is part of a comprehensive well child check up;
- immunizations;
- diagnostic and preventative dental, and referral services; and
- laboratory testing

Non-Covered Services

Non-Covered services include:

- Services that are not non-medically necessary;
- Services that require prior authorization and one has not been obtained or approved; and
- Any services listed on an IEP. Note: An IEP is identified with SBCHS, Provider Type 60, and are not covered under the SBHC Provider Type 17.

Services identified in an IEP are covered under SBCHS, Provider Type 60 which is different than SBHC's. SBCHS policy is located in Medicaid Service Manual chapter 2800.

Reimbursement

For children enrolled in the Medicaid Fee-for-service program the SBHC rate schedule is listed under Provider Type 17 at www.medicaid.nv.gov. For children enrolled in one of the Medicaid MCO programs, the SBHC provider will need to enroll in the applicable Managed Care Organization (MCO) network and bill using the MCO rate schedule.

