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Subject: Medicaid Services Manual Changes
Chapter 2800 – School Health Services

Background And Explanation

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2800 – School Health Services (SHS) are being proposed to clarify and simplify the chapter. MSM Chapter 2800 is the regulatory document for SHS and further guidance is provided on the SHS Resource Center at <https://schoolhealth.nv.gov/>.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

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2800	Introduction	Made introduction more concise to better summarize SHS.
2801	Authorities	Updated authorities to include all applicable Social Security Act (SSA) Sections and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts.
2802	Definitions	Added definitions for Charter School and Telehealth.

Manual Section	Section Title	Background and Explanation of Policy Changes, Clarifications and Updates
		Clarified and standardized existing definitions.
2803.1	Program Overview	<p>Changed section title from Policy Overview to Program Overview.</p> <p>Revised language to better reflect the SHS program structure.</p>
2803.1A	Program Eligibility	<p>New section added.</p> <p>Moved and expanded eligibility information from other sections.</p>
2803.2	Qualified Billing Providers	<p>Changed section title from Provider Qualifications to Qualified Billing Providers.</p> <p>Clarified which entities can bill Medicaid for SHS.</p>
2803.3	Covered Services	<p>Consolidated all covered service descriptions under this section.</p> <p>Added documentation requirements for each service type.</p>
2803.4	Service Requirements in School Settings	<p>Added new section to clarify general service limitations.</p>
2803.5	Qualified Service Providers in School Settings	<p>Provided information on the types of qualified providers who can deliver services in school settings.</p>
2803.6	Ordering, Prescribing, and Referring (OPR)	<p>New section added.</p> <p>Clarified when OPR requirements apply to SHS.</p>

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Nevada Medicaid reimburses qualified providers for School Health Services (SHS) when rendered to Medicaid-eligible students under the age of 21, regardless of their special education or disability status. Nevada Medicaid does not reimburse qualified providers for services provided to students that are educational in nature.

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2801 AUTHORITY

The following state and federal authorities are applicable to Medicaid reimbursement for SHS.

Federal authorities:

- Title XIX, Social Security Act (SSA) Sections 1903(c), 1902(a)(30)(A), 1905(a), and 1903(4)(c).
- 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 440.40(b)
- 42 CFR Part 441, Subpart B – Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) of Individuals Under Age 21
- 42 CFR Part 437, Subpart A – Child, Adult, and Health Home Health Care Quality Measures
- 42 CFR Part 300, Subpart B – Assistance to states for the Education of Children with Disabilities

State authorities:

- Medicaid State Plan, Section 3.1, Attachment A

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DEFINITIONS

504 ACCOMODATION PLAN

A plan developed to ensure that a child who has a disability identified under the law and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment.

ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (ADLs)

Self-care activities routinely performed on a daily basis, such as bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, transferring, mobility/ambulation, and eating.

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA)

The design, implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications using behavioral stimuli and consequences to produce socially significant improvement in human behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the relations between environment and behavior.

ASSESSMENT

An assessment is a more comprehensive process to gather information about an individual's current behavioral and physical health status. Assessment tools can diagnose a specific health-related issue, develop a treatment plan, or track progress over time. An assessment aims to comprehensively understand a student's needs to receive the most appropriate care.

ASSISTIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICE (ACD)

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) which helps speech, hearing, and verbally impaired individuals communicate.

AUDIOLOGY TESTING

Audiology testing is evaluation/testing performed by an audiologist licensed by the appropriate licensure board of the state to determine extent of hearing impairments that affect the student's ability to access education. Audiology testing includes hearing and/or hearing aid evaluations, hearing aid fitting or reevaluation, and audiograms.

AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD)

A group of developmental disabilities that can cause significant social, communication, and behavioral challenges.

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BY OR UNDER DIRECTION OF

“By or under the direction of” means that the Medicaid qualified providers offering direction is a licensed practitioner of the healing arts qualified under state law and federal regulations to diagnose and treat individuals with the disability or functional limitations, is operating within their scope of practice defined in Nevada State law and is supervising each individual’s care.

CHARTER SCHOOL

Charter Schools are public schools funded by the state but set up by a committee and have a charter that is approved by the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority or other means approved by state law.

CRISIS INTERVENTION (CI) SERVICES

Scope of Services: CI services are rehabilitative mental health (RMH) interventions that target urgent situations where recipients are experiencing acute psychiatric and/or personal distress. The goal of CI services is to assess and stabilize situations (through brief and intense interventions) and provide appropriate mental and behavioral health service referrals. The objective of CI services is to reduce psychiatric and personal distress, restore recipients to their highest level of functioning and help prevent acute hospital admissions. CI interventions may be provided in a variety of settings, including but not limited to schools, while in transit, and telephonically. CI services do not include care coordination or case management.

EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT (EPSDT)

A preventive health care program, the goal of which is to provide to Medicaid eligible children under the age of 21 the most effective, preventive health care through the use of periodic examinations, standard vaccinations, diagnostic and treatment services which are medically necessary and designed to correct or improve defects in physical or **behavioral health** illnesses or conditions. 42 United States Code (USC) Section 1396.d (a)(4)(B). Nevada’s program is named Healthy Kids.

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDERS (FASD)

A group of developmental conditions resulting from maternal alcohol use during pregnancy.

FREE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE)

A federal statutory requirement that children and youth with disabilities receive a public education appropriate to their needs at no cost to their families.

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INDIVIDUAL FAMILY SERVICE PLAN (IFSP)

A plan for special services for young children from birth to three years of age with disabilities. The goals that are put into place within an IFSP are targeted toward the family versus the goals within an Individualized Education Program (IEP) which are targeted specifically towards the student.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT (IDEA)

The federal law that mandates that a free and appropriate public education is available to all school-age children with disabilities.

INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM (IEP)

A written plan for every student receiving special education services that contain information such as the student's special learning needs and the specific education services required for the student. The document is periodically reviewed and updated at least annually.

INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (IADLs)

Activities related to independent living including meal preparation, laundry, light housekeeping, and essential shopping.

LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL (LRI)

Individuals who are legally responsible to provide medical support. These individuals include legal guardians and parents of minor recipients, including stepparents, foster parents, and adoptive parents. LRIs may not be reimbursed for providing Personal Care Services (PCS). For this chapter's purpose LRI does not include the State if the child is a ward of the State and an LRI can be any person, individual acting in the place of a natural or adoptive parent including a grandparent, or other relative with whom the child lives.

LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY (LEA)

A public board of education or other public authority legally constituted for administrative control or direction of a public elementary or secondary school in a city, county, township, school district, or for a combination of school districts or counties as are recognized in a state as an administrative agency for its public elementary schools or secondary schools.

MEDICAL NECESSITY

As defined in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 100 – Medicaid Program:

- A. Medical Necessity is a health care service or product provided under the Medicaid State Plan and is necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional standards to:

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1. Diagnose, treat, or prevent illness or disease;
 2. Regain functional capacity; or
 3. Reduce or ameliorate effects of an illness, injury, or disability.
- B. The determination of medical necessity is made on the basis of the individual case and takes into account:
1. the type, frequency, extent, body site, and duration of treatment with scientifically based guidelines of national medical or health care coverage organizations or governmental agencies.
 2. the level of service that can be safely and effectively furnished, and for which no equally effective and more conservative or less costly treatment is available.
 3. services are delivered in the setting that is clinically appropriate to the specific physical and mental/behavioral health care needs of the recipient.
 4. services are provided for medical or mental/behavioral reasons, rather than for the convenience of the recipient, the recipient's caregiver, or the health care provider.
- C. Medical necessity shall take into account the ability of the service to allow recipients to remain in a community-based setting, when such a setting is safe, and there is no less costly, more conservative, or more effective setting.

MEDICAL TEAM CONFERENCE (MTC) (WITH INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM)

A school based MTC refers to a collaborative interdisciplinary team meeting to determine a student's need for further screening, evaluation, services, supports, and treatment. This team can include healthcare professionals, behavioral health experts, educators, specialists, and the student's LRI. The required composition of the team is defined in MSM Section 2803.3(B) of this chapter, **Covered Services** - MTC (with Interdisciplinary Team). Other professional staff such as physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and behavior analysts, etc. may provide input, as well as audiology, vision, health, education, and the student's LRI. As a result of this process, a **Plan of Care (POC)** may be established outlining treatment modalities.

PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT (PCA)

A trained but unlicensed individual who provides PCS to individuals with disabilities and/or conditions which causes them barriers to independently performing ADLs and IADLs.

PERSONAL CARE SERVICES (PCS)

A range of human assistance provided to a student with disabilities and chronic conditions, which enables accomplishment of tasks that they would normally do for themselves if they did not have

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a disability or chronic condition. Assistance may be in the form of direct hands-on assistance or cueing the student to perform the task themselves and related to the performance of ADLs and IADLs.

PLAN OF CARE (POC)

For the purpose of this chapter POC is defined as a medical document developed after an assessment by a qualified health professional acting within their scope of practice. Serves as documentation of medical necessity for all services being provided to the student. Must include all elements outlined in MSM 2803.1D(5) of this chapter.

SCHOOL FUNCTIONAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE PLAN (SFASP)

An assessment tool used by a trained physical or occupational therapist, to complete an in-person assessment, to identify the ability/inability of a student to perform ADLs and IADLs. This assessment identifies a student's unmet needs and provides a mechanism for determining the appropriate amount of PCS hours, based on the student's needs and functional ability. The SFASP also evaluates the environment in which services are provided.

SCREENING

A screening is a brief, non-diagnostic process that is used to identify individuals who may be at risk for: health-related issues. Screening tools are typically easy to administer and score and can be used to screen large groups of people. A screening aims to identify individuals who need further assessment or intervention.

SCREENING AND DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

A child's health is assessed as early as possible in the child's life, in order to prevent or find potential diseases and disabilities in their early stages, when they are most effectively treated. Assessment of a child's health at regularly scheduled intervals assures that a condition, illness or injury is not developing or present. Screening services provide physical, mental, developmental, dental, hearing, vision, and other screening tests to detect potential problems. Diagnostic services or tests are performed to follow up when a risk is identified.

SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVES/BENCHMARK

A POC must contain a statement of annual goals, including a description of short-term objectives or benchmarks that are measurable and outcome oriented. Goals should be related to the child's unique needs to enable the child with a disability to participate and function in the general curriculum.

STATE EDUCATION AGENCY (SEA)

The State Board of Education or other agency responsible for the State supervision of public elementary schools and secondary schools.

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TELEHEALTH

Telehealth is the use of a telecommunications system to substitute for an in-person encounter for professional consultations, office visits, office psychiatry services, and a limited number of other medical services. It is defined as the delivery of service from a provider of health care to a patient at a different location through the use of information and telecommunication technology, not including facsimile or electronic mail.

THIRD PARTY LIABILITY (TPL)

The legal obligation of third parties (i.e., any individual, entity or program) that may be liable to pay all or part of the expenditures for medical assistance furnished under a State Medicaid Plan including Nevada Check Up (NCU). By law, all other third-party resources must meet their legal obligation to pay claims before the Medicaid program pays for the care of an individual eligible for Medicaid.

TREATMENT SERVICES

Treatment services are those available to correct or improve diagnosed physical and/or **behavioral health** illnesses **or conditions**. Treatment must be medically necessary and does not include educational interventions.

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2803 POLICY

2803.1 PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Nevada has expanded SHS eligibility to allow all Medicaid enrolled students between three years of age and under the age of 21 to be eligible for covered SHS, regardless of their special education status. Medicaid covers such SHS when provided by qualified providers. Medicaid does not cover services that are educational in nature.

Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) pays for SHS services conforming to accepted methods of diagnosis and treatment directly related to the recipient's diagnosis, symptoms, or medical history when provided by qualified service providers and billed by qualified billing providers. This chapter establishes the requirements for schools seeking Medicaid reimbursement for the provision of SHS to Medicaid eligible students.

2803.1A PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

1. COVERAGE ELIGIBILITY

SHS are covered by Medicaid for eligible Medicaid and NCU children between three years of age and under the age of 21 years, in both Fee-for-Service (FFS) and Medicaid Managed Care. SHS for children who are enrolled in Medicaid Managed Care are covered and reimbursed under FFS Medicaid. The student must be Medicaid eligible when services are provided for reimbursement to be available to the LEA or SEA.

2. STUDENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

Medicaid eligibility is determined on a monthly basis. Payments can only be made for covered services rendered to eligible students. If the student was not eligible on the date the service was rendered, payment will be denied. A student's Medicaid eligibility can be verified by accessing the Automated Response System (ARS) or the Electronic Verification System (EVS) or using a Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant electronic transaction. Refer to the Division's Quality Improvement Organization (QIO)-like vendor's website for additional information.

3. RECIEPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

To receive SHS, the Medicaid-eligible child or authorized representative must:

- a. Provide the LEA/SEA with a valid Medicaid card at the LEA's/SEA's request.
- b. Provide the LEA/SEA with accurate and current medical information, including diagnosis, attending physician, medication, etc.

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- c. Notify the LEA/SEA of all insurance information, including the name of other third-party insurance coverage.
- d. Participate in the MTC(s).
- e. Every student and their LRI is entitled to receive a statement of student or parent/guardian rights from their LEA/SEA.
- f. The student and their LRI should review and sign this document.

4. KATIE BECKETT RECIPIENTS

LEAs may bill Medicaid for children enrolled in Medicaid under the Katie Beckett eligibility category. However, this may impact the child's eligibility or may result in a cost to the LRI for services outside of the school setting. LRIs with a child eligible under this category are encouraged to work closely with their Medicaid District Office (DO) case manager to assure services do not impact their eligibility status.

2803.2

QUALIFIED BILLING PROVIDERS

An LEA or SEA is a qualified billing provider for SHS if the LEA or SEA is enrolled as a Nevada Medicaid provider type (PT) 60 and has met the requirements of this chapter. All payments for SHS are paid to the LEA/SEA; separate payment is not made to the individual practitioners (qualified service providers) who rendered the services. The LEA/SEA can submit claims for reimbursement monthly, maintaining adherence to the timely filing requirements for Medicaid reimbursement. Refer to MSM Chapter 100 - Medicaid Programs.

A. PROVIDER ENROLLMENT

Qualified billing providers enrolled as PT 60 must comply with Medicaid regulations, procedures, and terms of the contract. This includes allowing, upon request of proper representatives of DHCFP, access to all records which pertain to Medicaid recipients for regular review, audit, or utilization review. Refer to MSM Chapter 100 for medical and fiscal record retention timeframes.

As qualified billing providers in Medicaid, LEAs/SEAs must also follow all federal rules and regulations and DHCFP rules and regulations regarding discrimination against recipients on the basis of protected status(es) as detailed in MSM Chapter 100.

B. SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools may receive reimbursement from Medicaid for SHS through the State Public Charter School Authority under Chapter 388(A) of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), a school district, or a college that is accredited in the state of Nevada. The State Public Charter School Authority (or school district or accredited college) can serve as the LEA

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for all public charter schools across the state of Nevada. Charter schools do not operate as independent LEAs and, therefore, cannot bill directly for school-based services.

C. THIRD PARTY LIABILITY (TPL)

Generally, Medicaid is the “payer of last resort.” Federal Medicaid statutory provisions for TPL preclude Medicaid from paying for services provided to Medicaid recipients if another payer (e.g. health insurer or other state or federal programs) is legally liable and responsible for providing and paying for services. The exceptions to this rule are IDEA, Children with Special Health Care Needs, Women’s Infants and Children (WIC) Program, Title V Programs, Indian Health Services (IHS), or Victims of Crimes Act 1984. Medicaid is required to take all reasonable measures to ascertain the legal liability of third parties to pay for care and services available under the Nevada Medicaid State Plan.

If a state has determined probable liability exists at the time a claim for reimbursement is filed, it generally must reject the claim and return it to the provider for a determination of the amount of TPL (referred to as “cost avoidance”). If probable liability has not been established or the third party is not available to pay the individual’s medical expenses, the state must pay the claim and then attempt to recover the amount paid (referred to as “pay and chase”). Nevada Medicaid has elected to pay and chase for SHS found to have TPL for IEP services and preventive pediatric services covered by the state plan.

2803.3 COVERED SERVICES

A. GENERAL

Medicaid covers SHS in LEAs/SEAs if they are medically necessary and provided to meet the health needs of a student by a Medicaid qualified provider as defined in this chapter. The services must be directed at either:

1. Early screening or detection of a physical or behavioral health impairment, or
2. The reduction of physical or behavioral health impairment and restoration of the child to his/her best possible functioning level.

Covered services do not include services that are educational in nature, e.g., health education and first aid classes.

B. MEDICAL TEAM CONFERENCE (MTC) (WITH INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM)

1. An MTC to determine the unique medical needs of the student with an interdisciplinary team is a reimbursable activity under Medicaid. The MTC meeting consists of at least three qualified healthcare providers from different specialties or disciplines who each provide direct care to the recipient as well as other professional staff and the student’s LRI. Only one qualified healthcare provider can

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submit the MTC for reimbursement. An MTC must include at least one of the following health care professionals:

- a. Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.
- b. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN); Physician Assistant (PA); or Clinical Licensed Board of Examiners Psychologist
- c. Registered Nurse (RN)
- d. Licensed Board of Examiners behavioral health professional, such as clinical social worker or clinical mental health professional

Other professional staff who may provide input in the MTC include physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, behavior analysts; and audiology, vision, health, or education professional staff. As a result of this process, a POC will be established outlining treatment modalities. For simplicity, this will be referred to as an MTC for the remainder of this chapter.

2. Qualifying MTC meetings for Medicaid reimbursement must be designed to discuss a student's medical and/or behavioral health needs and services that align with Medicaid-approved SHS. Qualifying MTC meetings can be:
 - a. Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) or Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) meetings convened to discuss a student's school health and/or behavioral health needs and services that align with Medicaid-approved SHS.
 - b. IEP Meetings or 504 Accommodation Team meetings that are used to develop plans for students with disabilities or who require additional interventions to support the overall success of the student. The meeting can include health and/or behavioral health-related goals, accommodations, and services that align with Medicaid-approved SHS.
 - c. CI meetings are structured and convened to address the students' urgent and critical health or behavioral health needs within the school setting. CI meetings are crucial in addressing the students' urgent health and behavioral health needs, emphasizing immediate response, multi-disciplinary collaboration, accurate documentation, and services that align with Medicaid-approved SHS.

Documentation: Accurate and complete documentation of services provided, discussions held, and decisions made during the qualifying MTC meeting shall be maintained to support the Medicaid reimbursement claim.

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C. CONTINUITY OF CARE

Nevada Medicaid recognizes the value of integrating care provided in the school setting with services from community providers. Services provided to Medicaid-eligible children up to the age of 21 in both settings are not seen as duplicative, but instead as complementary components of a comprehensive care strategy for children. Therefore, services offered in the school-setting are not subject to the same service limitations of community providers.

For example, if a student receives ABA services in the school-setting, the student is still eligible to receive additional ABA services in the community with the intent that both providers are communicating and collaborating on the student's care.

D. DOCUMENTATION

For services provided to a Medicaid-eligible student, the LEA/SEA must maintain a POC that documents whether services are medically necessary, or preventive in nature under ESPDT in accordance with MSM Chapter 1500 - Healthy Kids Program. A POC is a medical document developed after an assessment by a qualified health professional acting within their scope of practice. The written POC must be on file with the LEA/SEA.

1. POC Guidelines:

- a. The POC must include the following information:
 1. The health condition or diagnosis that requires the service.
 2. The type of treatment to be provided and the frequency it will be provided.
 3. The short-term objectives of the treatment interventions.
 4. A time frame for evaluation of progress.
 5. A start and end date, which identifies the time period in which the service is authorized.
- b. The POC must be reviewed and renewed by the LEA/SEA service provider, annually, or more often as is medically necessary.
- c. Multiple conditions can be documented in the same POC for a student with multiple health conditions/diagnoses. Each service must be documented in a specific service area.
- d. The POC must include a summary of progress.

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- e. The POC serves as a prior authorization for services that would require a prior authorization.
 - f. Treatment services, meaning those services that correct or improve diagnosed physical and/or behavioral health illness, must be documented appropriately in the POC for the service that is being provided.
 - g. LEAs/SEAs must document the student's progress in meeting the goals of the treatment.
2. Limited Exceptions to POC:
- a. IEP and/or 504 Accommodation Plans

An IEP and/or a 504 Accommodation Plan may serve as the POC for purposes of Medicaid reimbursement, if such documents meet all requirements of a POC and clearly document medical necessity of the service(s) being provided to the student for which reimbursement is sought.
 - b. Screening and diagnostic services

Screening and diagnostic services rendered to a student may be eligible for reimbursement without a POC if:

 - 1. The LEA/SEA service provider followed the periodicity schedule as established in MSM Chapter 1500;
 - 2. The service rendered is determined to be medically necessary when it falls outside the periodicity schedule; and
 - 3. The service is documented in the student's medical record with the assessments and significant positive and negative findings, and referrals made for diagnosis, treatment, or other medically necessary health services for any conditions identified.
3. Other Required Records:
- The evaluative and diagnostic services which determine the need for treatment and the POC which defines the treatment needs must be documented as part of the student's medical record at the school, including the name(s) of the health practitioner(s) rendering the service(s). All medical and financial records which reflect services provided must be maintained by the LEA/SEA and furnished on request to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or its authorized representative.

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An LEA/SEA must keep organized and confidential records that detail all student specific information regarding all services rendered for each student receiving services and retain those records for review.

SHS encompasses services from several disciplines, and as such all documentation must be completed as appropriate for the service that is being provided. Nevada Medicaid reserves the right to review the student's records to assure the treatment is restorative and rehabilitative.

4. Retention Requirements:

The LEA/SEA must retain records for a period pursuant to the State record retention policy, which is currently six years from the date of payment for the specified service.

If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the retention period provided by DHCFP, records must be retained until all litigation, claims, or audit findings have been finally determined.

- a. The LEA/SEA must maintain all required records for each individual employed to provide the SHS, regardless of the length of employment.
- b. The LEA/SEA must maintain the required record for each student who has been provided with services, regardless of the length of the service period.

E. LIST OF COVERED SERVICES

The following table lists the services covered as SHS for purposes of this chapter:

A. Service Name: Screening, diagnostic, treatment services	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for medically necessary services needed to correct or ameliorate health conditions or prevent injury or disease. Screening and diagnostic services also assist the provider in identifying a patient's current or possible future health care risks through assessments, lab work, and other diagnostic studies.
2. Service Components	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Screenings and diagnostics <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended screenings and diagnostics as detailed in MSM Chapter 1500. b. Dental services

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These services can occur at intervals outside the established periodicity schedule if medically necessary. 2. Covered services for SHS are limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Diagnostic and preventive services b. Restorative dentistry services c. Endodontic services d. Periodontic services e. Adjunctive general services f. Fluoride supplements 3. For more information see MSM Chapter 1000 – Dental. <p>c. Vision services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These services can occur at intervals outside the established periodicity schedule if medically necessary. 2. Covered services for SHS are limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Healthy Kids (EPSDT) vision screening b. Glasses c. Refractive examinations d. Ocular examinations 3. For more information see MSM Chapter 1100 - Ocular Services. <p>d. Hearing services</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These services can occur at intervals outside the established periodicity schedule if medically necessary. 2. For more information, see MSM Chapter 2000 – Audiology. <p>e. Vaccinations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nevada Medicaid will reimburse for appropriate immunizations due and administered during the screening visit and according to the schedule established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices for pediatric vaccines. 2. Nevada Medicaid will only reimburse for administration fees if vaccination is available through Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) as part of the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. 3. For more information, see MSM Chapter 1500.
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	<p>f. Laboratory procedures</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nevada Medicaid will reimburse for age-appropriate lab procedures performed at intervals in accordance with the Healthy Kids periodicity schedule. These include blood lead level assessments appropriate to age and risk, urinalysis, Tuberculin Skin Test (TST), Sickle-cell, hemoglobin or hematocrit, and other tests and procedures that are age-appropriate and medically necessary. 2. For more information, see MSM Chapter 800 – Laboratory Services. <p>g. Interperiodic Screenings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Healthy Kids screenings are provided to all eligible persons under the age of 21, which may include medically necessary intervals outside of the established periodicity schedule.
3. Limitations	a. DHCFP follows the AAP periodicity schedule.
B. Service Name: Physician Services	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for covered medical services that are reasonable and medically necessary, performed by a physician, PA, APRN, or under the personal supervision of a physician and that are within the provider's scope of practice as defined by Nevada State Law.
2. Service Components	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Student medical evaluation b. Consultations with other providers for diagnostic and preventive services including participation in a multi-disciplinary team assessment c. Record review for diagnostic and prescriptive services d. Diagnostic and evaluation services to determine medical-related conditions that results in the student's need for medical services e. Patient visits as described in MSM Chapter 600 – Physician Services f. MTC participation to develop medical-related services in the POC
3. Limitations	Participation time in the student's POC to educational processes and goals are not covered by Medicaid. Refer to MSM Chapter 600 for other service limitations.
C. Service Name: Behavioral health and alcohol/substance use services	

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1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for behavioral health care and substance use disorder (SUD) services in a community-based setting when recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts, operating within his or her scope of practice under state law for the maximum reduction of a physical or behavioral health disability and to restore the individual to the best possible functioning level.
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Behavioral Health Assessments b. Neuro-Cognitive, Psychological, and Behavioral Health Status Testing c. Behavioral Health Therapies d. Medication Management e. Medication Training and Support f. RMH) Services, in the school based setting these services could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basic Skills Training (BST) 2. Psychosocial Rehabilitation 3. CI Services g. Outpatient Alcohol and Substance Use Services h. MTC participation time for the development of medical related services in the POC
3. Service Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Service providers must collaborate and facilitate full participation from team members including the child or youth and the child or youth's family to address the quality and progress of the individualized care plan and tailor services to meet the recipient's need with the goal of helping the child access care that can support improved health and academic outcomes b. Payment is excluded for participation time of development for educational processes and goals
4. Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Medicaid only reimburses LEAs/SEAs for these services when delivered in an outpatient or community setting in a medical-model service delivery system. Medicaid will not reimburse LEAs/SEAs for inpatient or residential treatment of a student b. Behavioral Health and Alcohol/Substance Use Services not listed in service components are not covered as SHS when delivered to Medicaid-eligible students
D. Service Name: Nursing Services	

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1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for nursing services which qualify as skilled nursing services, including assessments, judgments, interventions, and evaluation of interventions, requiring the education, training, and experience of a licensed nurse to complete. A Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) may participate in the implementation of the POC for providing care to students under the supervision of a licensed RN, physician, PA, or APRN that meet the federal requirements of 42 CFR 440.166. Nursing services are provided to an individual on a direct, one-to-one basis, on site within the school setting.
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Evaluations and assessments (RN only) b. Care and maintenance of tracheotomies c. Catheterization or catheter care d. Oral or tracheal suctioning e. Oxygen administration f. Prescription medication administration that is part of the POC g. Tube feedings h. Ventilator Care i. MTC participation time for the development of medical related services in the POC (RN only)
3. Service Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Services must be based on an assessment and supporting documentation that describes the complexity and intensity of the student's care and the frequency of skilled nursing interventions b. All nursing services must be under the order and direction of a physician, PA, or APRN
4. Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Payment is excluded for participation time of POC development for educational processes and goals b. Nursing services must be provided within the scope of work for the level of licensure of the nurse providing the service(s)
E. Service Name: Physical Therapy Services	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for physical therapy services, which consist of services prescribed by a physician, PA, or APRN provided to a student to improve neuromuscular, musculoskeletal, and cardiopulmonary disabilities
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Evaluation and diagnosis to determine the existence and extent of motor delays, disabilities, and/or physical impairments

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	<p>affecting areas such as tone, coordination, movement, strength, and balance</p> <p>b. Individual therapy provided to a student to correct or improve the effects of motor delays, disabilities, and/or physical impairments</p> <p>c. Group therapy provided to more than one student, but less than seven, simultaneously in order to remediate, correct, or improve the effects of motor delays, disabilities, and/or physical impairments</p> <p>d. Therapeutic exercise, application of heat, cold, water, air, sound, massage, and electricity</p> <p>e. Measurements of strength, balance, endurance, range of motion (ROM)</p>
3. Limitations	Payment is excluded for participation time POC development for educational processes and goals. Refer to MSM Chapter 1700 – Therapy for other limitations.
F. Service Name: Occupational Therapy	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for occupational therapy evaluation and treatment, which consist of services prescribed by a physician, PA, or APRN provided to a student, which includes assessing, improving, developing, or restoring functions impaired or lost through illness, injury, or deprivation; improving ability to perform tasks for independent functioning when functions are lost or impaired, preventing through early intervention, initial or further impairment, or loss of function; obtaining and interpreting information; coordinating care, and integrating services the student is receiving.
2. Service Components	<p>a. Evaluation and diagnosis to determine the extent of a student's disabilities in areas such as sensorimotor skills, self-care, daily living skills, play and leisure skills, and use of adaptive or corrective equipment</p> <p>b. Individual therapy provided to a student to remediate and/or adapt skills necessary to promote the student's ability to function independently</p> <p>c. Group therapy provided to more than one student but less than seven simultaneously to correct or improve and/or adapt skills necessary to promote the students' ability to function independently</p> <p>d. Task-oriented activities to prevent or correct physical or emotional deficits to minimize the disabling effect of these deficits</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Exercise to enhance functional performance f. MTC participation time for the development of medical related services in the POC
3. Limitations	Payment is excluded for participation time of POC development for educational processes and goals. Refer to MSM Chapter 1700 for other limitations.
G. Service Name: Speech and Audiology Services	
1. Service Description	<p>Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for speech, hearing, and language pathology services, which consist of services prescribed by a physician, PA, or APRN, provided to a student which consist of services necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of speech and language disorders that result in communication disabilities and for the diagnosis and treatment of swallowing disorders with or without the presence of a communication disability.</p> <p>Nevada Medicaid also reimburses for the practice of audiology, which consists of rendering services for the measurement, testing, appraisal prediction, consultation, counseling, research, or treatment of hearing impairment for the purpose of modifying disorders in communication involving speech, language, and hearing.</p>
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Speech and language evaluation and diagnosis of delays and/or disabilities including, but not limited to, voice, communication, fluency, articulation, or language development b. Audiological evaluation and diagnosis to determine the presence and extent of hearing impairments that affect the student's educational performance, including complete hearing and/or hearing aid evaluation, hearing aid fittings or reevaluations, and audiograms c. Individual therapy provided to a student in order to correct or improve delays and/or disabilities associated with speech, language, hearing, or communication d. Group therapy provided to one student, but less than seven, simultaneously in order to correct or improve delays and/or disabilities associated with speech, language, hearing, or communication
3. Service Requirements	The services must be of such a level of complexity and sophistication, or the condition of the student must be such that the services required can be safely and effectively performed only by a qualified therapist.

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4. Limitations	Payment is excluded for participation time of POC development for educational processes and goals. Refer to MSM Chapter 1700 for other limitations.
H. Service Name: Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and Supplies	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for medically necessary audiology supplies, equipment, and medical supplies when shown to be appropriate to increase or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with disabilities.
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Disposable medical supplies purchased for use at school or home which are not durable or reusable, such as surgical dressings, disposable syringes, catheters, tracheotomy dressings, urinary tray, etc. b. DMEs, assistive communication device (ACDs) (e.g., Speech Generating Devices), wheelchairs, canes, standers, walkers, etc. c. DME, ACDs, audiology supplies, equipment, and medical supplies are for the exclusive use of the student that can be used at school, at home, and is the property of the student
3. Service Requirements	<p>Refer to MSM Chapter 1300 – DME, Disposable Supplies and Supplements for coverage and limitations on DME, prostheses, and disposable medical supplies.</p> <p>Refer to MSM Chapter 2000 – Audiology Services for coverage and limitations on audiological supplies and equipment.</p>
4. Limitations	<p>These services must be reviewed and recommended by the presence of a signature on either the POC or a prescription by a licensed physician, APRN, or PA providing services within the scope of medicine as defined by Nevada State Law and provided through the POC.</p> <p>Refer to MSM Chapter 1300, and MSM Chapter 2000 for limitations.</p>
I. Service Name: Personal Care Services (PCS)	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for medically necessary PCS, which include a range of human assistance provided to a student with disabilities and/or chronic conditions, which enables accomplishment of tasks that they would normally do for themselves if they did not have a disability and/or chronic condition. Services are based on the needs of the students being served, as determined by the SFASP approved by DHCFP.

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2. Service Components	<p>a. Assistance with the following ADLs. Services must be directed to the individual student and related to their health and welfare:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dressing 2. Toileting needs including but not limited to routine care of an incontinent student 3. Transferring and positioning a non-ambulatory student from one stationary position to another, assisting a student out of chair or wheelchair, including adjusting/changing student's position in a chair or wheelchair 4. Mobility/Ambulation, which is the process of moving between locations, including walking or helping the student to walk with support of a walker, cane, or crutches, or assisting a student to stand up or get his/her wheelchair to begin ambulating 5. Eating, including cutting up food. Specialized feeding techniques may not be used <p>b. Assistance with the following IADLs is a covered service. Services must be directed to the individual student and related to their health and welfare:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meal preparation, which includes storing, preparing, and serving food
3. Service Requirements	<p>a. All services must be performed in accordance with the approved POC. LRIs may not be reimbursed for providing PCS</p> <p>b. PCS services must be one-on-one with the PCA and individual student receiving the service</p> <p>c. PCAs may not overlap times between students being provided services</p> <p>d. A SFASP must be completed prior to the service date of any billable PCS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The SFASP must be completed in person with the student present by a physician, APRN, PA, or trained physical or occupational therapist working within their scope of practice 2. The SFASP must be added as part of the student's POC <p>e. Students receiving PCS must be reassessed with a SFASP at least annually. Annual reassessments must be completed in person with the student present by a physician, APRN, PA, or a trained physical or occupational therapist working within their scope of practice</p>

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	<p>f. Significant change in condition or circumstance may cause a need to reassess a student. All reassessments should be completed in person with the student present by a physician, APRN, PA, or a trained physical or occupational therapist working within their scope of practice</p> <p>g. The total weekly authorized hours for PCS may be combined and tailored to meet the needs of the student, as long as the plan does not alter medical necessity. Any changes that do not increase the total authorized hours can be made, for the student's convenience, within a single week without an additional SFASP</p> <p>h. Every PCA for SHS must have a supervisor. The PCS supervisor must meet the following, which the LEA/SEA must document:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is at least 18 years of age 2. Has a high school diploma or its equivalent 3. Is responsible and mature and exhibits empathy, listening skills, and other personal qualities which will enable the PCS Supervisor to understand the problems of persons with disabilities 4. Has demonstrated the ability to read, write, speak, and understand the English language <p>i. The PCS supervisor shall oversee the daily operations of the PCS being delivered in the school. The PCS Supervisor shall appoint another qualified employee to assume the responsibilities of the PCS supervisor in the case of their absence</p> <p>j. The responsibilities of the PCS supervisor include, without limitation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensuring that all PCAs under their supervision are qualified and properly trained 2. Ensuring that the initial SFASP of each student is completed and that the PCA to provide the PCS to the student is capable of providing the services necessary to meet those needs 3. Providing oversight and direction for PCAs as necessary to ensure that the students receive needed PCS, each PCA must receive at least one hour of direct supervision a year 4. Ensure that students are not abused, neglected, or exploited by a PCA or another member of the staff of the LEA/SEA; and any suspected cases of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a student are reported in the manner prescribed in NRS 432B.220 5. Review the SFASP and POC for each new student assigned to the PCS Supervisor
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. The supervisor must then clarify with the PCA the needs of the student and tasks to be provided; any student specific procedures including those which may require on-site orientation; and situations in which the PCA should notify the supervisor 7. The supervisor (or other designated agency representative) must review and approve all service delivery records completed by the PCA providing the PCS k. Within six months immediately preceding the date on which the PCA begins providing the services to a student and at least annually thereafter, complete not less than eight hours of training related to providing for the needs of the students of the LEA/SEA and limitation on the PCS provided by the LEA/SEA. This includes having evidence of successful completion of such training program l. The PCA training must include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Duties and responsibilities of PCA and the appropriate techniques for providing PCS including the written documentation of PCS provided 2. Recognizing and responding to emergencies, including, without limitation, fires and medical emergencies 3. Dealing with the adverse behaviors of the student 4. Nutrition and hydration, including, without limitation, special diets and meal preparation and service 5. Bowel and bladder care, including, without limitation, routine care associated with toileting, routine maintenance of an indwelling catheter drainage system such as emptying the bag and positioning of the system, routine care of colostomies such as emptying and changing the colostomy bag, signs and symptoms of urinary tract infections and common bowel problems, including without limitation, constipation and diarrhea 6. Methods for preventing skin breakdown, contractures, and falls 7. Handwashing and infection control 8. Basic body mechanics, mobility and techniques for transferring students 9. The rights of the student and methods to protect the confidentiality of information concerning the student as required by federal and state law and regulations 10. The special needs of persons with disabilities
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Maintenance of a clean and safe environment 12. Recognizing the signs of child abuse and mandated reporting 13. Communication skills, including without limitation, active listening, problem solving, conflict resolution, and techniques for communicating through alternative modes with persons with communication or sensory impairments m. PCAs must participate in and complete a training program before independently providing PCS to the students of the LEA/SEA. The training program must include an opportunity for the PCA to receive on-the-job instruction provided to students of the LEA/SEA, as long as the PCS supervisor provides supervision during this instruction to determine whether the PCA is able to provide the PCS successfully and independently to the student. Each PCA at a LEA/SEA must be evaluated and determined to be competent by the LEA/SEA in the required areas of training n. Backup Mechanism: The provider shall have a written backup mechanism to provide a student with his or her service hours in the absence of a regular PCA due to sickness, vacation, or any unscheduled event. The covering individual must be qualified to provide PCS as outlined in Section 2803.2G o. At a minimum, the LEA/SEA must document the following on all service records: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consistent service delivery within program requirements 2. Amount of services provided to students 3. When services were delivered 4. Documentation attesting to the services provided, and the time spent providing the service signed or initialed by the PCA
4. Limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assistance with the IADLs may only be provided in conjunction with services for ADLs b. The following are not covered under PCS and are not reimbursable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instruction, tutoring, or guidance in academics 2. A task that DHCFP or its designee determines could reasonably be performed by the student 3. Services normally provided by an LRI 4. Any tasks not included in the student's approved POC 5. Services to maintain an entire classroom, such as cleaning areas of the room not used solely by the student

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Services provided to someone other than the intended student 7. Skilled care services requiring the technical or professional skill that state statute or regulation mandates must be performed by a health care professional licensed or certified by the State of Nevada. Services include but are not limited to the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Insertion and sterile irrigation of catheters b. Irrigation of a body cavity. This includes both sterile and non-sterile procedures such as ear irrigation, vaginal douches, and enemas c. Application of dressings involving prescription medications and aseptic techniques, including treatment of moderate or severe skin problems d. Administration of injections of fluids into veins, muscles, or skin e. Administration of medication, including but not limited to, the insertion of rectal suppositories, the application of prescribed skin lotions, or the instillation of prescribed eye drops (as opposed to assisting with self-administered medications) f. Physical assessments g. Monitoring vital signs h. Specialized feeding techniques i. Rectal digital stimulation j. Massage k. Specialized ROM l. Toenail cutting m. Medical case management, such as accompanying a student to a physician's office for the purpose of providing or receiving medical information n. Any task identified with the Nurse Practice Act as requiring skilled nursing including Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) services 8. Companion care, baby-sitting, supervision, or social visitation 9. Care of pets except in cases where the animal is a certified service animal
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	<p>10. A task DHCFP determines is within the scope of services provided to the student as part of an assisted living contract, a supported living arrangement contract, or a foster care agreement</p> <p>11. Escort services for social, recreational, or leisure activities.</p> <p>12. Transportation of the student by the PCA</p> <p>13. Any other service not listed under service components for this service</p>
J. Service Name: Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Therapy	
1. Service Description	Medicaid will reimburse LEAs/SEAs for ABA services when rendered to Medicaid eligible individuals under the age of 21 in accordance with EPSDT coverage authority. It must be rendered according to the written orders of the Physician, PA, or an APRN.
2. Service Components	<p>a. Behavioral Screening</p> <p>b. Comprehensive Diagnostic Evaluation</p> <p>c. Behavioral Assessment</p> <p>d. Adaptive Behavioral Treatment Intervention</p> <p>e. Adaptive Behavioral Family Treatment</p>
3. Service Requirements	The behavior intervention must be medically necessary as defined in MSM Chapter 100, to develop, maintain, or restore to the maximum extent practical the functions of an individual with a diagnosis of ASD, FASD, or other condition for which ABA is recognized as medically necessary. When Form FA-11F is used and the “Other” box is marked, LEAs must have adequate/proper documentation to justify ABA services for a diagnosis other than ASD or FASD. The treatment regimen must be designed and signed by the qualified ABA provider as defined in MSM Chapter 3700 –ABA. All services must be documented as medically necessary and appropriate and must be prescribed on a POC.
4. Limitations	MSM Chapter 3700 – ABA, Section 3704.2 Coverage and Limitations.
K. Case Management	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for case management services for certain child populations. Case management is intended to assist eligible students in gaining access to needed medical, social,

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	educational, and other support services including housing and transportation needs.
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Assessment b. Care Planning c. Referral/Linkage d. Monitoring and follow up e. MTC participation time for the development of medical related services in the POC
3. Services Requirements	<p>Case Management services are covered for the following target groups when delivered as detailed in MSM Chapter 2500 – Case Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Children and adolescents (up to age 18) who are Non-Severely Emotionally Disturbed (Non-SED) as defined in MSM Chapter 2500 b. Adults with a Non-Serious Mental Illness (Non-SMI) as defined in MSM Chapter 2500 (age 18 and older)
4. Limitations	<p>Case management services do not include the direct delivery of medical, clinical, or other direct services. Payment is excluded for participation time of POC development for educational processes and goals.</p> <p>More information on limitations is listed in MSM Chapter 2500.</p>
L. Service Name: Community Health Worker (CHW) Services	
1. Service Description	Nevada Medicaid reimburses LEAs/SEAs for CHW services. CHWs are trained public health educators improving health care delivery requiring integrated and coordinated services across the continuum of health. They provide recipients culturally and linguistically appropriate health education to better understand their condition, responsibilities, and health care options.
2. Service Components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Guidance in attaining health care services b. Identification of recipient needs and provide education from preventive health services to chronic disease self-management c. Provide information on health and community resources, including making referrals to appropriate health care services d. Connect recipients to preventive health services or community services to improve health outcomes

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	e. Provide education including but not limited to, medication adherence, tobacco cessation, and nutrition f. Promote health literacy, including oral health
3. Service Requirements	CHW services must be related to disease prevention and chronic disease management that follow current national guidelines, recommendations, and standards of care, including but not limited to, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) A and B recommended screenings.
4. Limitations	Limited coverage of service components for this service. All other limitations listed in MSM Chapter 600 under CHW Services.

Covered services for SHS are listed on the PT 60 Fee Schedule

F. GENERAL SERVICE LIMITATIONS

The following are not covered as SHS by Nevada Medicaid:

1. Information furnished by the provider to the recipient over the telephone
2. Services which are educational, vocational, career oriented, or recreational in nature
3. Speech-related services not provided by a licensed provider that involve non-diagnostic, non-therapeutic, routine, repetitive, and reinforced procedures or services for the child's general welfare; e.g., the practicing of word drills
4. Services that go beyond the maximum benefits for any treatment program or the service dates in the POC (e.g., the POC has expired)
5. Any vaccinations, biological products, and other products available free of charge from the State DPBH, except for the administration fee, which is a billable service
6. Textbooks or other such items that are educational in nature and do not constitute medical necessity
7. Transportation of Medicaid-eligible students to and from school, including specialized transportation on days when they receive Medicaid covered services at school
8. Services or treatment without the appropriate referral or prescription from a qualified professional working within their scope of practice

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G. PRIOR AUTHORIZATIONS

Prior authorizations are not required for any SHS that may be reimbursed for a Medicaid-eligible student even when the MSM chapter referenced for that service requires a prior authorization as the POC serves as the prior authorization as long as service requirements and limitations for the service have been met. Services must be documented as medically necessary as defined in this chapter and signed by a qualified provider working within the scope of his or her practice.

2803.4 SERVICE REQUIREMENTS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

When services are provided in the school setting, the following service requirements are in effect:

- A. All services must be medically necessary and provided to meet the health needs of a student by a Medicaid enrolled qualified provider as defined in this chapter.
- B. All services must meet prevailing professional standards for the service being provided and be directed at:
 - 1. Early screening or detection of a physical or behavioral health impairment or
 - 2. The reduction of physical or mental impairment and amelioration of the child to his/her best possible functioning level.
- C. All services must be provided by a health care professional working within their licensure and scope of practice.
- D. All services must be provided in accordance with federal and state regulations.

2803.5 QUALIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS IN SCHOOL SETTINGS

Medicaid reimbursement is only available if the SHS are rendered to students by a qualified provider. As a condition of participation in the Nevada Medicaid Program, all service providers must abide by the policies of DHCFF, state and federal laws and regulations, including but not limited to, the United States CFRs governing the Medicaid Program, and all state laws and rules governing the Department of Education (DOE) and DHCFF.

All qualified service providers must meet the requirements established for being a Medicaid provider. This includes the LEAs/SEAs subcontractors, who must meet all qualifications as Nevada Medicaid providers for the services they are providing. The DOE Certification is not sufficient under federal regulations to meet Medicaid provider requirements except where a provider is specifically identified in the Nevada Medicaid State Plan.

To be reimbursed by Nevada Medicaid, all SHS must be provided by a qualified provider working within their scope of practice under state and federal regulations. It is the responsibility of the

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LEA/SEA to ensure all covered services billed to Medicaid are rendered by the appropriately credentialed or licensed providers. DHCFP may request to verify licensure and certification of servicing providers to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Each LEA/SEA must maintain documentation of each rendering provider's license, certifications, registration, or credentials to practice in Nevada. All documentation must be available, if requested by state or federal agencies.

A LEA/SEA may utilize a community-based private practitioner for furnishing SHS to a Medicaid-eligible student if the service(s) is within the practitioner's scope of practice as defined by state law. To receive reimbursement for SHS rendered at a location other than the school campus, the LEA/SEA should contract with community-based licensed health professionals and clinics to render such service(s) to Medicaid-eligible student(s).

DHCFP expects that all Medicaid providers will be in compliance with all laws relating to incidents of abuse, neglect, or exploitation as it relates to students.

2803.6 ORDERING, PRESCRIBING, AND REFERRING (OPR)

In the school setting, services that require an order, prescription, or referral for reimbursement must follow the OPR requirements outlined in 42 CFR 455.410 and 455.440.

A. OPR GUIDELINES:

1. Services that require an OPR for Medicaid reimbursement purposes and the practitioner that must complete the OPR are as follows:
 - a. Nursing services
 1. OPR Provider: Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
 - b. Physical, Occupational, and Speech Therapy
 1. OPR Provider: Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
 - c. DME and Disposable Supplies and Supplements
 1. OPR Provider: Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
 - d. Hearing Aid Dispenser and Related Supplies
 1. OPR Provider: Audiologist; Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
 - e. Laboratory Services

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1. OPR Provider: Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
- f. PCS
 1. OPR Provider: Occupational Therapist; Physical Therapist; Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
- g. ABA services
 1. OPR Provider: Licensed Board of Examiners Psychologist; Neuropsychologist; Physician, M.D.; Osteopath, D.O.; APRN; PA
2. The referral or prescription for services must be renewed at least annually and/or when there are changes to the service's scope, amount, frequency, or duration.
3. The OPR provider must be enrolled in Medicaid to receive Medicaid reimbursement for services or medical supplies ordered, prescribed, or referred. Separate enrollment as an OPR is not required if the physicians or other eligible professionals are already enrolled in Nevada Medicaid.
4. A POC that includes the required components of a referral or prescription for a service that has been reviewed and signed by a Medicaid qualified provider operating within their scope of practice pursuant to state law may serve as the referral or prescription for service(s).

B. BY OR UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

“By or under the direction of” means that the Medicaid qualified provider offering direction is a licensed practitioner of the healing arts qualified under state law and federal regulations to diagnose and treat individuals with a disability or functional limitations and is operating within their scope of practice defined in Nevada State law and is supervising each individual's care.

The supervision must include, at a minimum, face-to-face contact with the individual provider being supervised initially and periodically as needed, prescribing the services provided and reviewing the need for continued services throughout the course of treatment. The Medicaid qualified supervisor must also assume professional responsibility for the services provided and ensure that the services are medically necessary. The Medicaid qualified supervisor must spend as much time as necessary directly supervising the services to ensure the student(s) are receiving services in a safe and efficient manner and in accordance with accepted standards of practice. Documentation must be kept supporting the supervision of services and ongoing involvement in the treatment.