

SENATE BILL No. 51

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 12-15-1-16; IC 20-28-1-11; IC 25-27-1-2.

Synopsis: Medicaid reimbursement for schools. Allows the office of the secretary of family and social services to apply for a Medicaid state plan amendment to allow school corporations to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medically necessary, school based Medicaid covered services that are provided under federal or state mandates. Specifies possible services for Medicaid reimbursement. Adds physical therapy to the list of services a school psychologist may refer a student. Allows a school psychologist to make referrals to physical therapists for mandated school services.

Effective: July 1, 2021.

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First Regular Session of the 122nd General Assembly (2021)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning Medicaid.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 12-15-1-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.108-2019,
2 SECTION 193, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 16. (a) Each:
4 (1) school corporation; or
5 (2) school corporation's employed, licensed, or qualified provider;
6 must enroll in a program to use federal funds under the Medicaid
7 program (IC 12-15-1 et seq.) with the intent to share the costs of
8 services that are reimbursable under the Medicaid program and that are
9 provided to eligible children by the school corporation. However, a
10 school corporation or a school corporation's employed, licensed, or
11 qualified provider is not required to file any claims or participate in the
12 program developed under this section.
13 (b) The secretary and the department of education may develop
14 policies and adopt rules to administer the program developed under this
15 section.
16 (c) The federal reimbursement for services provided under this
17 section must be distributed to the school corporation. The state shall



1 retain the nonfederal share of the reimbursement for Medicaid services
2 provided under this section.

3 (d) The office of Medicaid policy and planning, with the approval
4 of the budget agency and after consultation with the department of
5 education, shall establish procedures for the timely distribution of
6 federal reimbursement due to the school corporations. The distribution
7 procedures may provide for offsetting reductions to distributions of
8 state tuition support or other state funds to school corporations in the
9 amount of the nonfederal reimbursements required to be retained by the
10 state under subsection (c).

11 (e) **The office may apply to the United States Department of**
12 **Health and Human Services for a state plan amendment to allow**
13 **school corporations to seek Medicaid reimbursement for medically**
14 **necessary, school based Medicaid covered services that are**
15 **provided under federal or state mandates. If the state plan**
16 **amendment is approved and implemented, services may be**
17 **provided by a qualified practitioner in a school setting to Medicaid**
18 **enrolled students. The services may include the following:**

19 (1) **Services pursuant to any of the following:**

20 (A) **An individualized education program (as defined in**
21 **IC 20-18-2-9).**

22 (B) **A plan developed under Section 504 of the federal**
23 **Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. 794.**

24 (C) **A behavioral intervention plan (as defined in**
25 **IC 20-20-40-1).**

26 (D) **A service plan developed under 511 IAC 7-34.**

27 (E) **An individualized healthcare plan.**

28 (2) **Medically necessary, Medicaid covered nursing services**
29 **provided by a licensed and qualified practitioner under**
30 **IC 25-23-1.**

31 **The office may, in consultation with the department of education,**
32 **develop any necessary state plan amendment under this subsection.**
33 **The office may apply for any state plan amendment necessary to**
34 **implement this subsection.**

35 SECTION 2. IC 20-28-1-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.197-2007,
36 SECTION 14, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 11. "School psychology" means the following:

38 (1) Administering, scoring, and interpreting educational,
39 cognitive, career, vocational, behavioral, and affective tests and
40 procedures that address a student's:

41 (A) education;

42 (B) developmental status;



- 1 (C) attention skills; and
 2 (D) social, emotional, and behavioral functioning;
 3 as they relate to the student's learning or training in the academic
 4 or vocational environment.
- 5 (2) Providing consultation, collaboration, and intervention
 6 services (not including psychotherapy) and providing referral to
 7 community resources to:
 8 (A) students;
 9 (B) parents of students;
 10 (C) teachers;
 11 (D) school administrators; and
 12 (E) school staff;
 13 concerning learning and performance in the educational process.
- 14 (3) Participating in or conducting research relating to a student's
 15 learning and performance in the educational process:
 16 (A) regarding the educational, developmental, career,
 17 vocational, or attention functioning of the student; or
 18 (B) screening social, affective, and behavioral functioning of
 19 the student.
- 20 (4) Providing inservice or continuing education services relating
 21 to learning and performance in the educational process to schools,
 22 parents, or others.
- 23 (5) Supervising school psychology services.
- 24 (6) Referring a student to:
 25 (A) a speech-language pathologist or an audiologist licensed
 26 under IC 25-35.6 for services for speech, hearing, and
 27 language disorders; ~~or~~
 28 (B) an occupational therapist licensed under IC 25-23.5 for
 29 occupational therapy services; ~~or~~
 30 **(C) a physical therapist licensed under IC 25-27 for**
 31 **mandated school services within a physical therapist's**
 32 **scope of practice;**
 33 by a school psychologist who is employed by a school corporation
 34 and who is defined as a practitioner of the healing arts for the
 35 purpose of referrals under 42 CFR 440.110.
- 36 The term does not include the diagnosis or treatment of mental and
 37 nervous disorders, except for conditions and interventions provided for
 38 in state and federal mandates affecting special education and
 39 vocational evaluations as the evaluations relate to the assessment of
 40 handicapping conditions and special education decisions or as the
 41 evaluations pertain to the placement of children and the placement of
 42 adults with a developmental disability.



1 SECTION 3. IC 25-27-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.160-2019,
 2 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2021]: Sec. 2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this
 4 chapter, it is unlawful for a person or business entity to do the
 5 following:

6 (1) Practice physical therapy without first obtaining from the
 7 board a license authorizing the person to practice physical therapy
 8 in this state.

9 (2) Profess to be or promote an employee to be a physical
 10 therapist, physiotherapist, doctor of physiotherapy, doctor of
 11 physical therapy, or registered physical therapist or to use the
 12 initials "P.T.", "D.P.T.", "L.P.T.", or "R.P.T.", or any other letters,
 13 words, abbreviations, or insignia indicating that physical therapy
 14 is provided by a physical therapist, unless physical therapy is
 15 provided by or under the direction of a physical therapist.

16 (3) Advertise services for physical therapy or physiotherapy
 17 services, unless the individual performing those services is a
 18 physical therapist.

19 (b) Except as provided in **subsection (e) and** section 2.5 of this
 20 chapter, it is unlawful for a person to practice physical therapy other
 21 than upon the order or referral of a physician, podiatrist, psychologist,
 22 chiropractor, dentist, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant holding
 23 an unlimited license to practice medicine, podiatric medicine,
 24 psychology, chiropractic, dentistry, nursing, or as a physician assistant,
 25 respectively. It is unlawful for a physical therapist to use the services
 26 of a physical therapist assistant except as provided under this chapter.
 27 For the purposes of this subsection, the function of:

28 (1) teaching;

29 (2) doing research;

30 (3) providing advisory services; or

31 (4) conducting seminars on physical therapy;

32 is not considered to be a practice of physical therapy.

33 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, it is unlawful for
 34 a person to profess to be or act as a physical therapist assistant or to use
 35 the initials "P.T.A." or any other letters, words, abbreviations, or
 36 insignia indicating that the person is a physical therapist assistant
 37 without first obtaining from the board a certificate authorizing the
 38 person to act as a physical therapist assistant. It is unlawful for the
 39 person to act as a physical therapist assistant other than under the
 40 general supervision of a licensed physical therapist who is in
 41 responsible charge of a patient. However, nothing in this chapter
 42 prohibits a person licensed or registered in this state under another law



1 from engaging in the practice for which the person is licensed or
2 registered. These exempted persons include persons engaged in the
3 practice of osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, or podiatric medicine.

4 (d) Except as provided in section 2.5 of this chapter, this chapter
5 does not authorize a person who is licensed as a physical therapist or
6 certified as a physical therapist assistant to:

7 (1) evaluate any physical disability or mental disorder except
8 upon the order or referral of a physician, podiatrist, psychologist,
9 chiropractor, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or dentist;

10 (2) practice medicine, surgery (as described in
11 IC 25-22.5-1-1.1(a)(1)(C)), dentistry, optometry, osteopathic
12 medicine, psychology, chiropractic, or podiatric medicine; or

13 (3) prescribe a drug or other remedial substance used in medicine.

14 **(e) Upon the referral of a licensed school psychologist, a physical
15 therapist who is:**

16 **(1) licensed under this article; and**

17 **(2) an employee or contractor of a school corporation;**

18 **may provide mandated school services to a student that are within
19 the physical therapist's scope of practice.**

