

Unpacking Funding for Student Supports: School Based Health verses Medicaid



BETTER TOGETHER LEADERSHIP SUMMIT GOLDMINING SESSION

- WHAT:** Students in Washington State need access to school-based health services now more than ever. Many families, particularly in South Central Washington, face challenges in accessing quality behavioral and physical health care in their communities.
- WHY:** Prevention and early intervention in both physical and behavioral health are crucial for our students' well-being. Despite substantial investments from state and federal governments in school-based services, the desired health outcomes are still not being fully realized.
- HOW:** Washington State and the federal government have allocated funds to address systemic gaps in our care systems. However, navigating the rules and applications for this funding can be complex, and conflicting explanations from various stakeholders often add to the confusion. The reverse side of this document outlines some basic elements of SBHS vs MCO/Medicaid vs MAC.

DISTRICT HIRED

PROS:

- DISTRICT IS REIMBURSED FOR DIRECT SERVICES
- PART OF SCHOOL TEAM
- SYSTEM BUILT AROUND SCHOOL BASED SERVICES

CONS:

- LOW REIMBURSEMENT RATES
- LIMITED ON HIRING BASED ON CREDENTIALS
- LIMITED SUPPORT FOR CLINICAL ELEMENTS
- HIRING COSTS FOR PROFESSIONALS
- LIABILITY OF PROVIDERS

SCHOOL DISTRICTS BECOMING LICENSED AS BHA IS BURDENSOME: TIME, COST, SYSTEMS, AND LEARNING REQUIRED MAKE THIS UNFEASIBLE FOR MOST SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

CBO HIRED

PROS:

- SERVICES W/O DISTRICT MEDICAID BILLING
- VARIETY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE
- AS A BHA CAN HIRE CREDENTIALLED, NON-LICENSED STAFF
- CBO HOLDS LIABILITY OF PROVIDERS

CONS:

- NO DISTRICT EMPLOYED
- MAY NOT BE TRAINED FOR SCHOOL BASED SERVICES
- MAY BE LESS THAN 1.0 FTE TO THE DISTRICT
- ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN FOR CONTRACTS AND OVERSIGHT

ESD HIRED

PROS:

- PART OF SCHOOL SYSTEM - ISF MODEL
- SYSTEM BUILT AROUND SCHOOL BASED SERVICES
- SERVICES W/O DISTRICT MEDICAID BILLING
- VARIETY OF SERVICES AVAILABLE
- ESD AS A BHA CAN HIRE CREDENTIALLED, NON-LICENSED STAFF
- ESD HOLDS LIABILITY OF PROVIDERS
- STAFF ARE GENERALLY ASSIGNED AT 1.0 FTE
- ASSIGNED SUPERVISORS TEAMING WITH DISTRICT

CONS:

- NOT DISTRICT EMPLOYED

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DID YOU KNOW ESD 105 IS A LICENSED BHA & EMPLOYS LICENSED AND CERTIFIED SERVICE PROVIDERS WHICH MAY SAVE COSTS FOR THE DISTRICTS?

MEDICAID "BUCKETS" FOR SCHOOL BASED SERVICES

FUNDING SOURCE:	SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES	MEDICAID - MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS	MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMING
ACRONYMS USED:	SBHS	MCO, MEDICAID	MAC
WHO CAN BILL:	ESD'S, SCHOOLS	BHA OR SP	ESD'S, SCHOOLS
REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICES:	SERVICE ON STUDENT IEP ONLY	ANY SERVICE UNDER THE BHA'S OR SP'S LICENSE	MUST BE IN "MEDICAID MOMENT"
REIMBURSEMENT RATES:	GENERALLY LOWER THAN MCO RATES	NEGOTIATED IN CONTRACTS WITH FIVE INDIVIDUAL MCO'S, GENERALLY HIGHER THAN SBHS RATES	STANDARD RATES BASED ON INTERACTION AT "MOMENT IN TIME"
LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:	SP STAFF MUST BE INDEPENDENTLY LICENSED OR SUPERVISED BY A LICENSED PROFESSIONAL, OTHER SERVICES MAY BE PROVIDED BY UNLICENSED STAFF	BHA OR SP HOLD THE LICENSE WITH DOH AND OVERSEES ALL SUPERVISION/ REQUIREMENTS FOR DOH	NONE REQUIRED FOR MOST "MOMENTS"
PROVIDER ONE:	DISTRICT MANAGED (OR CONTRACTED WITH ESD)	BHA OR SP MANAGED	DISTRICT MANAGED (OR CONTRACTED WITH ESD)
NPI REQUIRED:	SCHOOL & SP	BHA OR SP MANAGED	SCHOOL OR ESD
RECORD STORAGE:	SCHOOL OR SP'S RESPONSIBILITY	BHA OR SP MANAGED	DISTRICT MANAGED (OR CONTRACTED WITH ESD)
SD RECORDS REQUESTS:	LIKELY INCLUDED AS SP'S ARE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES	NOT INCLUDED - OUTSIDE AGENCY AND RECORD SYSTEM	N/A - NOT ATTACHED TO STUDENT NAME
ESTIMATED COST TO THE DISTRICT FOR A LICENSED SP:	\$120,000 - \$150,000	VARIABLES BASED ON BHA/SP AND CONTRACT TERMS	TIME FOR ENTRY/COORDINATION

BHA: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCY, SP: SERVICE PROVIDER

