



ANNUAL NOTIFICATION ABOUT CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION FOR MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT

The Department of Education can receive additional funding for some of the services that are provided to students, like your child, who have individualized education plans (IEPs). In order for our schools to receive this funding, you previously signed a consent to (1) access and provide to the state and federal Medicaid programs personally identifiable information from your child's special education records about the special education evaluations, programs and services that are provided to your child and (2) access your child's Medicaid benefits to pay for these services. This letter of annual notification is to remind you that by previously signing this consent, you understood and agreed that the New York City Department of Education may access your child's public benefits or insurance to pay for special education services provided to or on behalf of your child.

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that our public schools receive as much funding as possible for the critical supports that are provided to our students.

What information about my child will be provided to state and federal Medicaid programs?

The New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) will provide information about the special education evaluations and services provided to your child. This information may include the IEP, progress notes, attendance records, evaluations and other records and information about evaluations and services provided to your child.

Is there any cost to me or to my family?

There is no cost to you or your family. You will not be required to incur any expenses, premiums, costs or co-payments for the provision of these services. The services that are provided to your child in and outside of school will not be affected in any way. If your family receives Medicaid benefits, your coverage will not be canceled, the lifetime coverage in place will not decrease and services that your family receives will not be affected in any way by the accessing of Medicaid benefits. You will not be required to sign up for or enroll in Medicaid for your child to receive the services on his/her IEP. You will not risk the loss of eligibility for home and community based waivers, if any, that are based on your total health-related expenditures.

Can I change my mind about allowing the NYC DOE to access my child's information and submit claims to the Medicaid program and revoke my consent?

Yes - you may change your mind about this consent at any time. To change your decision, contact your child's school and request to complete a new Medicaid consent form. The NYC DOE must still provide special education and services to your child at no cost to you even if you withdraw your consent at a later date.