

**IDEA Annual NOTIFICATION of Parental Rights regarding Use of Public Benefits or Insurance**

This notification, provided *annually* to you, outlines your rights and protections under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), so that you can make an informed decision about whether to give your written consent to Hernando County School District to disclose your child’s identifiable information to Medicaid for the purpose of receiving Medicaid reimbursement for Exceptional Student Education and/or medically necessary services identified on a Plan of Care, provided to your child while at school.

This notification advises you of the following:

- Hernando County School District is required to provide the special education and related services included in your child’s IEP and/or Plan of Care *at no cost* to you or your child.
- Medicaid Certified School Match is a federal program which reimburses school districts a portion of the costs for related services for occupational and physical therapy; speech/language therapy; nursing; behavioral/mental health, and specialized transportation. This federal reimbursement program *does not affect* your Medicaid benefits or any other services received from an outside provider.
- If you choose not to provide your consent for Medicaid reimbursement purposes, your child will continue to receive all required special education and related services under IDEA *at no cost* to you or your child.
- You may withdraw your consent at any time by providing written notice to the school district.
- Copies of records disclosed as a result of authorization to bill are available upon request.

**Access Hernando Schools Medicaid FERPA Consent form here:**

- 1) Print
- 2) Complete & Sign
- 3) Return form to school



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Medicaid in Our Schools



### Who is eligible for Florida Medicaid?

Florida children from birth through the end of age 18 are eligible for coverage. It is free to apply and with year-round enrollment

Children from birth until their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday are eligible if household income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). All children above the age of 1 are eligible for Florida KidCare coverage through a subsidized or full-pay program, even if one or both parents are working.

If your annual household income (before taxes) is below the following amounts your child may qualify (other criteria apply):

Household Size	Max Annual Income
2	\$24,353.00
3	\$30,630.00
4	\$36,908.00
5	\$43,186.00
6	\$49,463.00
7	\$55,741.00
8	\$62,018.00

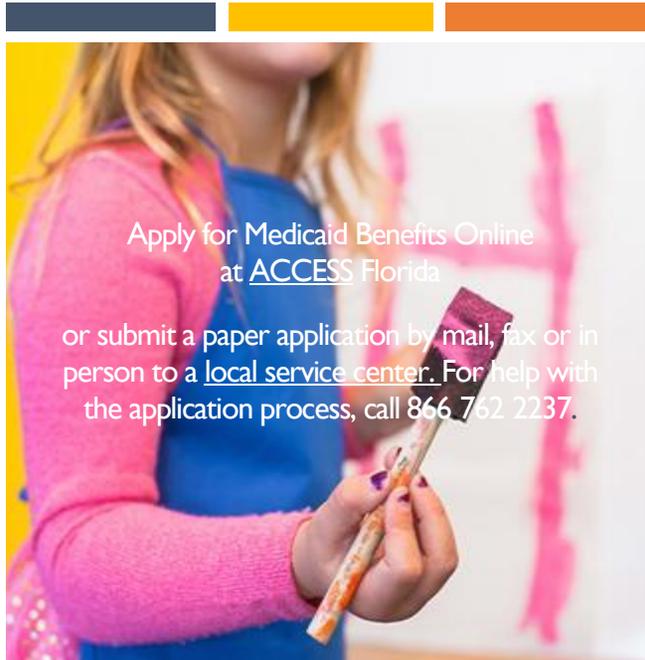
add \$6,277 per additional person. Always check with the appropriate managing agency to ensure the most accurate guidelines.

School-based healthcare is free at the point of service, and students receive access to care that might not be received elsewhere. Nearly 80 percent of children who receive behavioral services access them at school.

Parents and guardians can help ensure that Hernando Schools receives reimbursement from Medicaid for services students receive in school.

### Federal regulations require the parent/guardian:

- \*Be fully informed about the Medicaid Certified School Match program
- \*Fully understand that consent is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time.
- \*Permit Hernando Schools to share necessary information to be reimbursed for Medicaid eligible services included in your child's IEP, 504 or Plan of Care. Your child will receive the services written in your child's IEP, 504, or Plan of Care at no cost regardless of your consent to allow us to be reimbursed by Medicaid. Consent may be revoked in writing at any time.



### The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records.

**FERPA requires that the parent or eligible student "provide a signed and dated written consent" before a school or LEA discloses personally identifiable information (PII) from a student's education record, unless one of the conditions in § 99.31 of the regulations applies.**

Schools play a leading role in providing healthcare, well beyond offering flu shots and bandages. Millions of children across the country rely on school-based health services for preventive and ongoing care, including mental health counseling and management of chronic illnesses such as asthma and diabetes.

Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), schools are obligated to provide medically-necessary services to students with disabilities.

However, Congress has never funded IDEA at the levels it promised forty years ago, and schools are required to serve more students every year on fewer resources.

Medicaid funding can help ease this burden on schools because schools can be reimbursed for providing those medically necessary services to students with disabilities.