

Annual Notice to Parent/Guardian Regarding Parental Consent to Access Public Benefits (Medicaid) for the Ohio Medicaid School Program

This annual notification informs parents/guardians of their rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA) regarding Medicaid billing. See 34 CFR 300.154, 34 CFR 300.503, 34 CFR 300.622 and 34 CFR 99.30 in the Code of Federal Regulations for a complete description.

Ohio school districts have the opportunity to receive federal Medicaid dollars through a program called the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP). Through this program, Alternative Education Academy - OHDELA can receive Medicaid dollars for services identified in the IEP, such as Speech, Audiology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Psychology, Counseling, and Social Work services. In the process of billing Medicaid for these services, billing information must be shared with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. For Medicaid billing purposes, schools must obtain a one-time signed *Parental Consent to Share Health Information for the Ohio School Medicaid Program*. After this one-time written consent, you will receive this annual notice of this consent.

Schools request this consent for all students who receive special education services, even students who may not be currently eligible for Medicaid. Some health information shared is specific to your student, while other information is related to all students within the entire school district. Schools can use this health information to help reduce special education costs that the district must deliver pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This student specific health information is protected and will be accessed only by people authorized to do so by the school's Medicaid contract.

Your consent is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time (34 CFR Part 99 and Part 300.) You are not required to enroll in Medicaid. If your school does bill Medicaid, you will not be required to incur any out-of-pocket expenses such as a deductible or co-pay, decreased lifetime coverage, increased premiums or the discontinuation of benefits, or result in you paying for services. If a bill or Explanation of Benefits (EOB) is received, you are not required to cover any cost for school-based services.

Regardless of whether you grant consent, refuse consent, or revoke your consent, your child will still be provided with an evaluation and/or the services as identified by the IEP team at no cost to you.