

# The World of School-Based Services is Ever-Changing ...and PCG Can Help!

Significant shifts continue within the world of school-based services (SBS). As the largest SBS vendor in the country, Public Consulting Group (PCG) is a trusted partner to state agencies and school districts nationwide.

## Do you feel informed, supported, and well-equipped to navigate these policies and processes?

### New Federal Guidance

In May 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a long-awaited guide with the purpose of expanding access to Medicaid health services and reducing administrative burden for states and schools. The flexibilities offered must be carefully considered. Changes to state policy may need to be pursued through a state plan amendment (SPA).

### Medicaid Enrollment

School districts are in a unique position to help children and families enroll or retain their Medicaid health care coverage, including distributing information, sending reminders, and assisting with paperwork. In some states, this administrative outreach may be reimbursable. These efforts are especially critical as the public health emergency continuous enrollment provision continues to unwind, which could leave millions of Americans, including children, without Medicaid coverage.

### "Free Care" Policy Reversal/Expanded Access



In December 2014, CMS reversed the Free Care Rule, allowing schools to request reimbursement for services provided to students enrolled in Medicaid, and not just for those included on an Individual Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). As of August 2023, nearly 24 states have successfully expanded their school-based Medicaid programs, most through a SPA, with others in process.

## PCG can help!

PCG has the tools, expertise, and experience to help your state or local education agency make the most of your SBS program. Our consulting approach means that we take the time to understand your unique needs and goals, working together to outline a plan and execute the work needed. We can help with:

- ✓ Web-Based Software Solutions
- ✓ CMS Policy Review and Consulting Services
- ✓ SPA Support
- ✓ Program Monitoring and Compliance Services
- ✓ Medicaid Documentation Collection and Support

**To learn more about PCG's school-based health solutions, contact us today!**

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