Nursing Services and Medicaid in the School Setting

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An IEP is developed for every student that is identified as special needs (special education).

The rules surrounding the development and implementation of an IEP was established by IDEA (Indiﬁcuals with Disabilities Education Act), which is a federal law.
An IEP is developed thru the joint collaboration of a **multidisciplinary educational team** (school psychologist, counselor, special education teachers, regular education teachers, speech therapist, OT, PT, and school nurse) along with the parents.

Special needs students can have multiple handicaps which impact learning, which include **developmental, physical, and medical**.
• OHI – means “Other Health Impaired”
• The student has a health condition that impacts his/her ability to learn in the classroom setting.
  
  “ADHD”
  “MVA”
  “OCD”
  “Diabetes”
• An ARC (Annual Review Committee) is where the IEP is developed. The ARC group is comprised of the multidisciplinary educational team.
• Once an IEP is developed, an ARC is held every 12 months to review and update the IEP.
• For every student that has a medical condition, it is imperative that the school nurse participate in these meetings. The nurse will interpret, assess, and evaluate all medical info and will assist in determining what nursing services are needed relating to the health condition.
The school system is bound by whatever is stated in the IEP!
In other words, if it is part of the plan for that student, the school system is obligated to follow the IEP to the “letter”!
As the school nurse, it is your responsibility to insure that all nursing services that are set forth by the IEP are being provided.
A school system can bill Medicaid for nursing services if the following conditions are met:

- The student is identified as special education
- The student has Medicaid
- The nursing service that you are billing for is listed in the IEP
- The parent gives written permission
Appendix A

• JESSAMINE COUNTY SCHOOLS
  Release/Inspection of Student
  Records/Medicaid Consent Form
Nursing Services

Should be noted in the Health, Vision, Hearing, Motor Abilities Section of the IEP along with the medical condition, or conditions, that the nursing services are addressing.
• IEP for Elementary Student
• IEP for Elementary Student (cont.)
Nursing services that are needed for this student can be noted in the Supplementary Aids and Services Section, but it is better to place them in the Health Section.

Do not note nursing services in the Related Services Section.
• Be specific
• Base nursing needs on medical documentation
IEP for High School Student
• IEP for High School Student (cont.)
• IEP for High School Student (cont.)
MEDICAID BILLING FOR NURSING SERVICES

You will need a Health Service Log form which includes the following for the student:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Medicaid ID#
- Diagnosis Code
You will also need on the Health Service Log form:

Name of Service Provider (nurse or health aide/assistant)
Modifier #
Name of School
Appendix G

JESSAMINE COUNTY SCHOOLS HEALTH SERVICES LOG Form
• Sample Service Log billing entries
The diagnosis code is obtained from the ICD-9 list of medical diagnoses.

Go to http://icd9cm.chrisendres.com
Appendix I

ICD-9 Codes Quick Reference Guide
Occasionally, you may see an Individualized Health Plan (IHP) or an Emergency Action Plan (EAP) attached to an IEP. Both of these types of plans address the health needs of a student and specify the needed services and/or emergency actions that might be required to address the medical diagnosis/diagnoses.
The school nurse makes the determination that the health condition has the potential to progress into a medical emergency or crisis. When this situation exists, the student needs an EAP.
• Some examples:
  peanut allergies
  asthma
  epilepsy
  insulin dependent diabetes
  panic attacks
  mental illness “melt downs”
Appendix J

- Individualized Health Plan/Emergency Action Plan for EpiPen
Appendix K

• Individualized Health Plan/Emergency Action Plan for Seizure Monitoring/Diastat
QUESTIONS??????
A – JCS Medicaid Consent Form
B – IEP Elem. Student Page 1
C – IEP Elem. Student Page 2
D – IEP High School Student Page 1
E – IEP High School Student Page 2
F – IEP High School Student Page 3
G – JCS Health Services Log Form
H – Sample Log form for billing
I – ICD-9 Codes Quick Reference sheet
J – IHP/EAP for EpiPen
K – IHP/EAP Seizure Monitoring/Diastat
• Overview of School Health Services (NASN)
• The School Nurse’s Source Book of Individualized Healthcare Plans – Arnold and Silkworth
• Clinical Guidelines for School Nurses – School Health Alert
• Clinical Manual of Pediatric Nursing – Wong and Whaley’s, Fourth Edition