

***MEDICAID - TO CONSENT OR NOT TO CONSENT?
THAT IS THE QUESTION!***

Parent Information Handout

● **Why does the school district bill Medicaid for services provided to my child?**

Medicaid billing for schools is authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act. St. Bernard Parish Schools is an authorized Medicaid provider. This allows the school system to recover partial reimbursement for services provided to medicaid-eligible students in special education, such as speech and language services, physical therapy, occupational therapy and evaluations.

● **Does participating in Medicaid affect my child's special education services or Medicaid benefits?**

No, allowing the school system to bill for these services will not affect or change the special education services a child receives. School Medicaid billing does not impact any Medicaid limits for services billed by a private provider.

● **My child has private insurance and is not insured by Medicaid, why should I give my consent to bill Medicaid?**

Giving consent to bill Medicaid has NO impact to you since you don't have any Medicaid benefits, but *it does help the school system with the Medicaid billing process. Medicaid will only be billed if your child becomes medicaid-eligible during the IEP time period.*

● **My child is insured by Medicaid, why should I give my consent to bill?**

Since your child is already insured by Medicaid, you have already given your consent to bill for healthcare services. Giving consent for the school system to bill Medicaid provides your child's school system with additional monies to make purchases and hire staff to enhance services provided to students with disabilities.

● **If my child received healthcare services such as speech therapy from a private provider, will giving my consent to bill Medicaid impact my private healthcare provider?**

No. Although Medicaid will only pay one provider per day for each service, the school system does not bill Medicaid until the end of the school year. This intentional delay allows your private provider to submit their claim to Medicaid prior to the school system's claim. Our claim will be denied and your healthcare provider's claim will be paid.

Saying yes is a win-win situation. Students win by increased funding to the schools and schools win by being able to provide enhanced services to their students.

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