

Information sessions on Medical Assistance coverage for mental health services in special education

Beginning Oct. 15, 2024, Minnesota schools and school districts can access Medical Assistance (MA) for identified mental health services provided as part of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Medical Assistance is Minnesota's Medicaid Program.

The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) are collaborating in this effort and have developed statewide informational webinars to update schools and districts on how to receive MA reimbursement for identified mental health services provided as part of an IEP or IFSP.

Webinar series for mental health services in special education (school social work)

Webinar 1: Informational overview for mental health services in special education (school social work)

When: Monday, Oct. 7 from noon to 1 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Register to attend: [Register to attend the informational statewide rollout on mental health services in special education \(social work services\) webinar.](#)

- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- If you need help with filling out the registration form, please reach out to [Lisa Hoogheem](#).

Training will cover:

- Covered services
- Updates to the [Minnesota Health Care Programs Provider Manual](#)
- Documentation requirements
- Provider qualifications
- Medical necessity

Webinar 2: Clinical direction and guidance for mental health services in special education (school social work)

MDE and DHS are offering follow-up information sessions to focus specifically on service delivery and billing.

When: Wednesday, Oct. 30 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Register to attend: [Register for the clinical direction and guidance for mental health services in special education \(school social work\) webinar.](#)

- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- If you need help with filling out the registration form, please reach out to [Lisa Hoogheem](#).

Training will cover:

- Service delivery
- Documentation
- Supervision
- Scope of practice
- Path to medical necessity

Webinar 3: Billing mental health services in special education (school social work)

MDE and DHS are offering follow-up information sessions to focus specifically on service delivery and billing.

When: Monday, Nov. 11 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Where: Zoom

Register to attend: [Register for the billing mental health services in special education \(school social work\) webinar.](#)

- After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- If you need help with filling out the registration form, please reach out to [Lisa Hoogheem](#).

Training will cover:

- Documentation
- Tracking
- Billing

For more information

Following the sessions, a recording of the webinars will be made available.

If you have questions about Medical Assistance coverage for mental health services in schools, please reach out to SchoolMentalHealth.mde@state.mn.us.