

Does your child receive Special Education or Early Intervention services and are they on a Health Choices plan* or have Medical Assistance (Medicaid)?

If yes to both, your child's school or IU may be receiving funds through Medical Assistance under a special program for some special ed and early intervention services.**

These services include in-school nursing and personal care aides.***

The services for which school districts and IUs get Medical Assistance funds are in addition to any services your child receives outside of school paid for by the child's Health Choices plan or regular Medical Assistance.

Over half of PA's Medical Assistance (Medicaid) funds, including these special funds for schools and IUs, come from the federal government. Significant cuts to federal Medicaid funding are contained in a recent federal law- HR1. Unless Congress changes this law, these cuts will go into effect in the next 3 years. PA doesn't have the money to make up the loss of those federal funds so the state will have to reduce funding for some Medicaid programs- which may include the program which provides the additional funds to schools and IUs for special ed and early intervention.

***The Health Choices plans are: Amerihealth Caritas PA & Northeast; Geisinger Health Plan; Health Partners Plans; Highmark Wholecare; Keystone First; United Healthcare Community Plan; UPMC for You**

****The special program is called the "School Based Access Program". School districts and IUs are eligible to enroll and then bill a contractor for certain special ed and Early Intervention services provided to students on Health Choices/Medical Assistance as specified in the student's IEP. The federal Medicaid match for those services is paid to the school district or IU which supplements the school district's or IU's other special ed funds.**

***** For a list of other services billable by school districts and IUs under the School Based Access Program and other information on this program, go to <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/for-providers/ma-for-providers/sbap>**