



Pathfinder Career Academy participates in the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP), which allows eligible school districts to receive federal Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services provided to students through their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

What Is the Ohio Medicaid School Program?

The Ohio Medicaid School Program helps schools offset the cost of providing required special education and related services. These services may include speech-language therapy, audiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, psychology, counseling, and social work services, as identified in a student's IEP.

To participate in this program, schools must share certain billing and service-related information with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. As part of this process, schools are required to obtain **one-time written parental consent to share health information** for Medicaid billing purposes. After providing consent, you will receive an annual notice regarding this consent.

Why Is Parental Consent Requested?

Pathfinder Career Academy requests this consent for all students receiving special education services, regardless of whether a student is currently eligible for Medicaid. The information shared may include student-specific health and service information, as well as information related to students receiving services throughout the school.

Student-specific information is protected and may be accessed only by individuals authorized under the school's Medicaid program requirements. Medicaid reimbursement helps offset the cost of providing special education and related services required under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Your Rights as a Parent or Guardian

Providing consent is voluntary. You have the right to refuse consent or withdraw your consent at any time, consistent with applicable federal regulations (34 CFR Parts 99 and 300).



Please be assured that:

- You are **not required to enroll your child in Medicaid** for your child to receive special education or related services.
- You will **not incur any out-of-pocket costs** as a result of the school billing Medicaid for covered school-based services. This includes deductibles, copayments, or other charges.
- School-based Medicaid billing will not result in a decrease in lifetime Medicaid coverage, increased premiums, discontinuation of benefits, or your responsibility to pay for your child's school-based services.
- Your child will continue to receive evaluations and the special education and related services identified by the IEP team, at no cost to you, whether you grant consent, refuse consent, or later revoke your consent.

Please contact **Ohio Alliance Billing** at **(330) 539-5093** with questions or if you feel you have incurred a personal cost for these services.