



State of Alaska Department of Health

SB 240: SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

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Background

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Medical Assistance



School-Based Services in Alaska

Medicaid can only reimburse for school-based services if:

- ☐ The student has a disability
- ☐ The services are included in the student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP)



Only **6 out of 54** districts currently submit claims for Medicaid reimbursement.



Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapy make up **96%** of reimbursed services.



Healthy Families Initiative

Strong families are the foundation of a healthy society and a vibrant economy.



***Healthy
Beginnings***



***Health
Care
Access***



***Healthy
Communities***



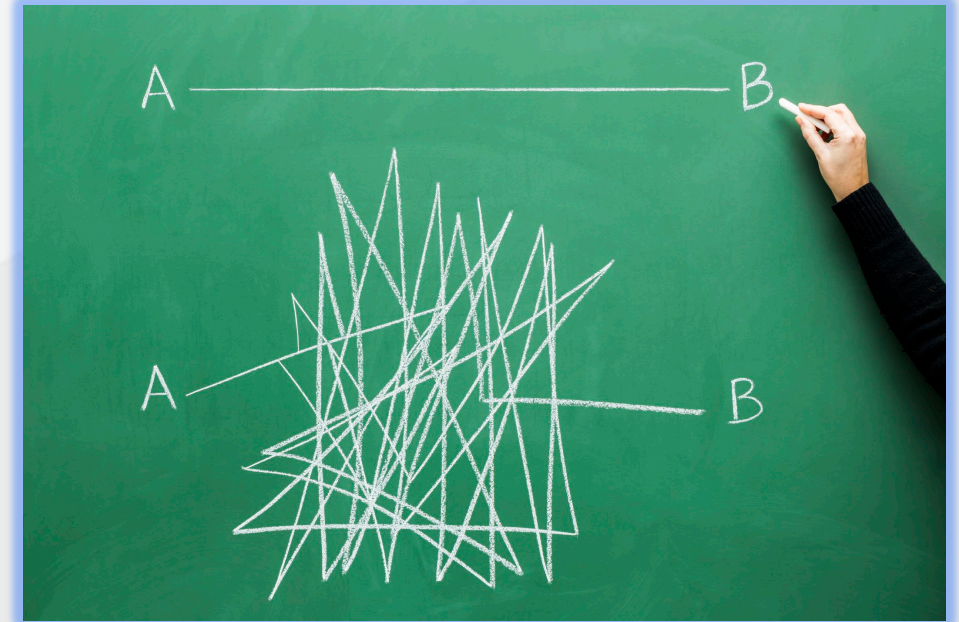
Impact and Benefits

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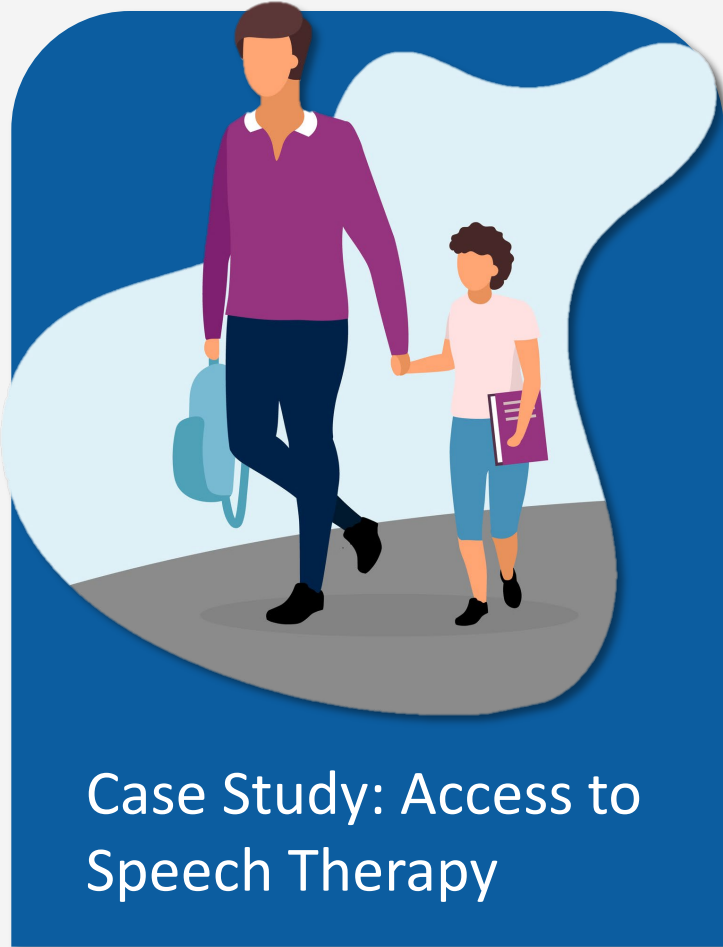


What Does SB 240 Do?

- ✓ Removes the Medicaid requirement to include services on an IEP for reimbursement
- ✓ Increases flexibility for schools to seek Medicaid reimbursement when a child is eligible
- ✓ Leverages federal Medicaid match



What Does SB 240 Do?



- ✓ Supports parent-directed services provided in the school setting
- ✓ Maintains the current scope of school-based services
- ✓ Preserves parent choice in children's care, including:
 - *what* services they receive
 - *where* they receive them



Benefits to Alaskans

Families and Children

- ✓ Provides more convenient choices for parents seeking care for their children
- ✓ Increases access to services for children
- ✓ Promotes early intervention and prevention



System Efficiencies

- ✓ Reduces administrative burden
- ✓ Maximizes federal Medicaid match



Why Now?



- ✓ New federal flexibilities for School-Based Services
- ✓ Grant opportunity to support schools that seek Medicaid reimbursement

SB 240 will allow Alaska to fully leverage federal flexibilities and opportunities



Sectional Analysis

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Section 1

This section removes the requirement that Medicaid services provided in a school setting are limited to those covered under an Individual Education Plan (IEP).



Questions?

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