



# **State of Alaska Department of Health**

## **SB 240: SCHOOL DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

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# Background

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SB 240: School District  
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

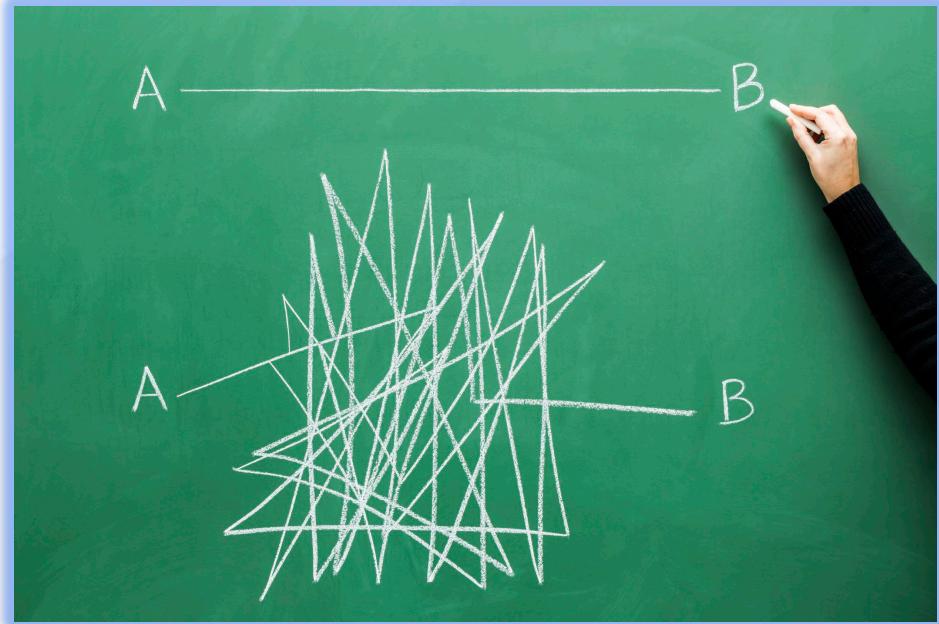
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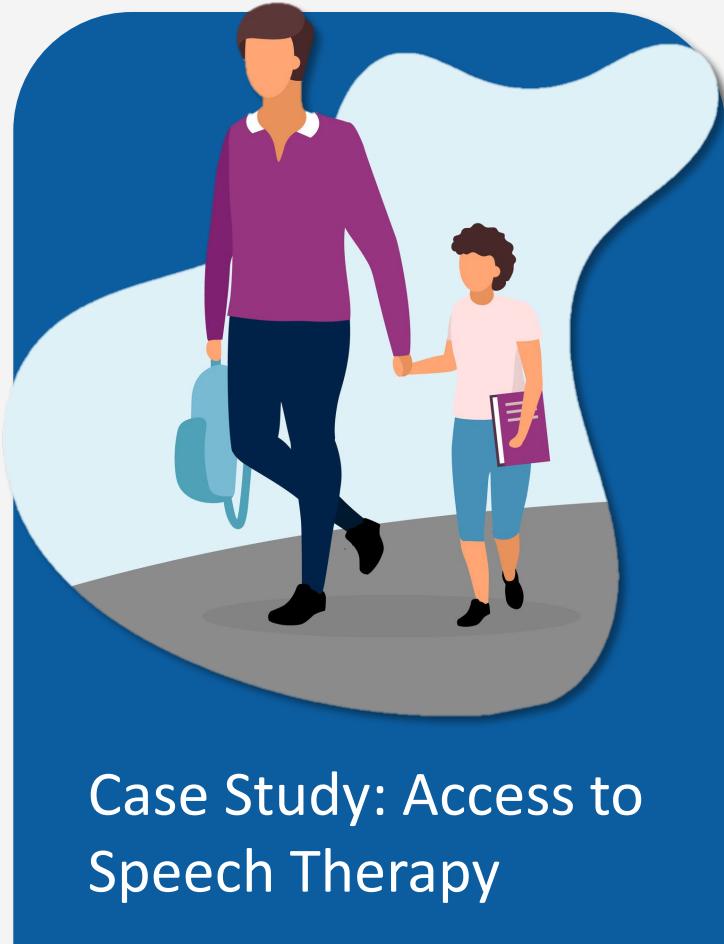


# What Does SB 240 Do?

- ✓ 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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# Sectional Analysis

## 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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