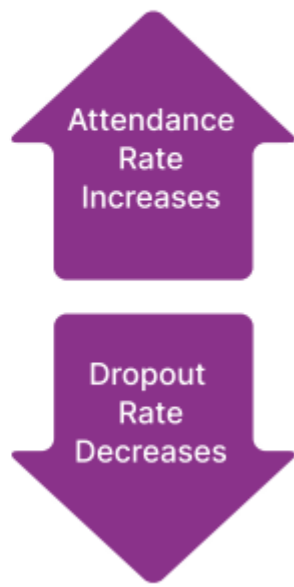


August is here! Summer is winding down and communities across Ohio are gearing up for the 2025-2026 school year to begin. Many of the families that are served by Ohio Medicaid and our partners utilize valuable community resources to bridge gaps in students' needs before and during the school year to ensure that the youngest of Ohioans can be set up for success. This edition will highlight some initiatives and resources available to support our shared goal of supporting Ohio's kids.

## Healthy Impacts

Health Supports Successful Students & Families



## Did You Know?

There are over 4,000 School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) across the U.S. that aim to "increase access to health care, contribute to positive educational outcomes, reduce emergency room use, lower Medicaid costs, and expand access to mental health services" (1). Follow this link to learn more about the School-Based Health Alliance, the national voice for school-based health care: <https://www.sbh4all.org/about/>

## Specific to Ohio

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is committed to serving school aged Children through the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP) which allows school districts to receive Medicaid reimbursement for schools that provide school-based therapy services to students who receive Medicaid.

MSP partners with more than 600 schools to provide medically necessary school-based services to over 85,000 students in Ohio.

MSP allows districts to bill Medicaid for covered health-related, school-based services provided to eligible students **when the student's disability is impacting their academic achievement or regular school attendance**. Ohio schools received more than \$143 million in Medicaid reimbursement in the 2022-2023 school year.

Is your family at risk of lead poisoning? Take a look at the [Blood Lead Testing Requirements and High-Risk ZIP Codes](#) resource to find out! [The Prenatal Risk Assessment for Lead](#) is another tool to help assess your risk. For more information regarding lead removal, please visit [The Ohio Department of Health's Housing Resource webpage](#).

## As kids are returning to school this fall, below are some helpful resources

- Ohio's Tax-free holiday runs August 1, 2025 through August 14, 2025! All eligible items up to \$500, in store and online are tax free. For more information check out the [Ohio Department of Taxation](#) website.
- Back-to-School Mental Health Checklist to help prepare for transitions: [Mental Health Checklist](#)
- Ways to help kids who are feeling anxious: [Kids Mental Health Foundation](#)
- 988 Crisis Lifeline in Ohio: Call or text 988 from any phone to get help. To chat, visit [chat.988lifeline.org](https://chat.988lifeline.org)
- For basic resources, call 211 for help or visit [www.211.org](https://www.211.org)
- For school supply giveaway events in your area visit <https://allevents.in>

## Electronic Visit Verification Policy Reminders

With the July 2024 Electronic Visit Verification rules update, Ohio Medicaid wants to remind you of two rules that must be followed:

**1. Signature and validation from the individual receiving services is not required for EVV.**

Keep in mind that providers may have different requirements to obtain signatures for service delivery validation based on program requirements and services rendered. Please check your service and program specific rules to determine the signature requirement for your service documentation.

**2. Use of global position services (GPS) requires the consent of the individual receiving services.**

To review the complete Electronic Visit Verification rule visit [OAC Chapter 5160-32](#).



Have questions about HOMEChoice and transitioning members from long-term care facilities to their home or community-based settings? Call or email HOMEChoice

Below is a message from the Interagency Policy Section at The Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Dear Medicaid Care Manager,

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) introduced new claims validation requirements this year for services subject to Electronic Visit Verification. New claims requirements are being rolled out in phases through early 2026 and we want to equip you with insight and resources so you can help providers understand what's needed and how to meet these new obligations.

**Please note: upon each phased implementation, claims for services subject to EVV that lack matching records for the following data points will be denied.**

1. Name of the Medicaid recipient receiving EVV services.
2. Name of the provider or direct care worker delivering the services.
3. Type of services performed.
4. Home or community location where services were provided.
5. Date of service.
6. The time services begin and end.

### Phase 3 and 4 Claims Validation Implementation

Phase 3 claims requirements were implemented on June 1 and affect home health services requiring electronic visit verification that are billed to managed care entities. The table below lists affected service codes.

Phase 3	Service Description	Service Code	Payer
Began June 1	Home Health Services	G0151, G0152, G0153, G0156, G0299, G0300	Billed to Managed Care Entities

Phase 4 claims validation requirements begin August 1 for private duty nursing, nurse assessment and consult, and home health services billed to the managed care entities. The table below lists affected service codes.

Phase 4	Service Description	Service Code	Payer
Begins August 1	Private Duty Nursing	T1000	Billed to Managed Care Entities
Begins August 1	Nurse Assessment and Consult	T1001, T1001_U9	Billed to Managed Care Entities

### Claims Validation Resources

To help providers avoid payment disruptions related to claims processing requirements, ODM strongly encourages all providers to:

1. **Review your EVV match rate.** Ensure all visit data are properly captured and aligned with each claim.
2. **Check out Ohio Medicaid's [EVV Provider Look-Up Dashboard](#)** to see the number of paid claim lines and dollar amounts associated with specific EVV errors (procedure code does not match, etc.). For dashboard assistance, see the [quick reference guide](#).
3. **Take advantage of claims validation readiness resources**
  - [Claims Validation Process Flow Chart](#)
  - [Claims Validation User Guides](#)
  - [Guide to Handling Claims Validation Denials](#)
  - [Getting Started Checklist](#)
4. **Attend HHA/Sandata Office Hours** for one-on-one support. You can [register here](#).
5. **Take advantage of [upcoming claims validation readiness training sessions](#)** tailored to providers affected by the August 1 implementation.
6. **Stay tuned to Ohio Medicaid's [Electronic Visit Verification](#)** webpage for more updates.
7. **[Subscribe](#) to EVV newsletters.**