School Medicaid Expansion at the 10-Year Mark:

What's Next for Increasing & Sustaining Student Health Services

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About Healthy Schools Campaign

- At the intersection of education, health and equity
- National organization, based in Chicago
- Advocate for sustainable, sufficient funding for school health services and access, including through Medicaid

Housekeeping

Webinar is being recorded for those who cannot attend

Ask questions using the Q&A feature; we will have open Q&A throughout

Agenda

- **HSC Welcome & Overview**
  Jennifer Tani, President & CEO, Healthy Schools Campaign
- **Strengthening & Sustaining School Health Services**
  Joaquin Tamayo, Vice President of Policy, Communities in Schools
- **School Medicaid at the 10-Year Mark**
  Cindy Mann, Former Deputy Administrator, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- **Status of School Medicaid Expansion Today**
- **State Perspective: Michigan's School Medicaid Expansion & What Comes Next**
  Kevin Bauer, Medicaid School Services Program Policy Specialist, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
- **Resources & Wrap-Up**

DIFFERENT MODELS FOR DELIVERING HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS:

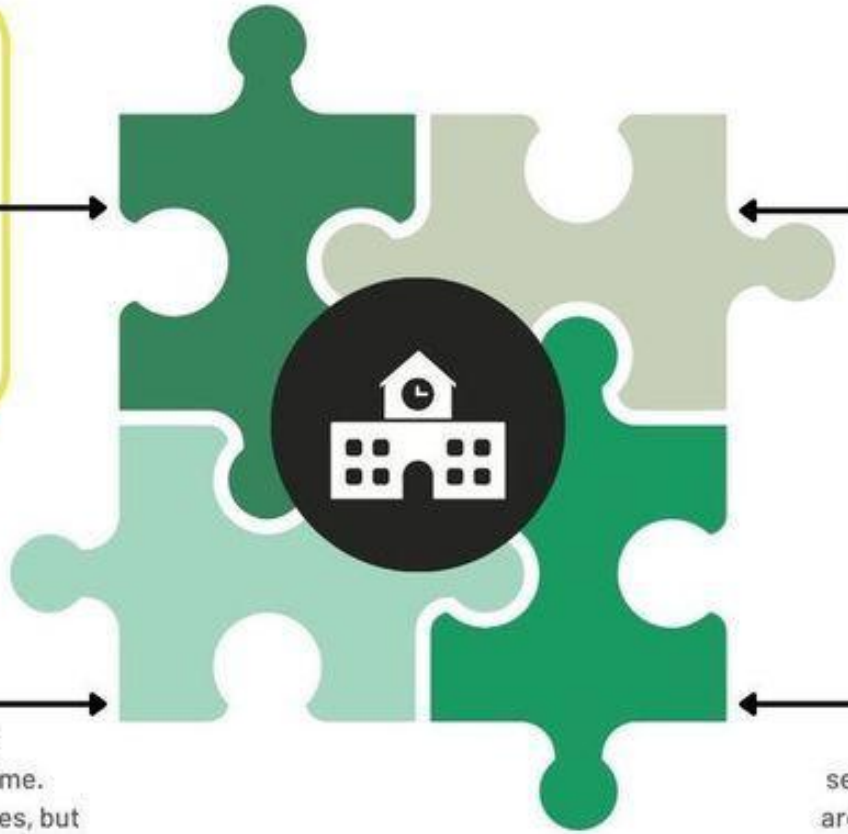
complementary and necessary parts of the school ecosystem

School-Employed Providers

These providers are employed or contracted by the school district and deliver services in a school setting that the LEA can then reimburse through the Medicaid SBS program.

School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs)

SBHCs are based in schools and can serve as a student's primary care provider and medical home. They draw their funding from a variety of sources, but Medicaid does reimburse for services delivered to Medicaid-enrolled students.



Partnerships with Community-Based Providers

Community-based providers come to the school to deliver health services and their employer (e.g., a hospital or community health center (CHC)) then bills Medicaid directly.

Mobile Vans

Mobile vans expand access to certain health services by working in partnership with LEAs but are usually externally funded by private providers or CHCs who handle billing and reimbursement.

Medicaid Services in Schools

- Historically, Medicaid paid for health services included in the Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) of students enrolled in Medicaid

- A 2014 CMS federal policy clarification* expands coverage to ALL students enrolled in Medicaid

**This is sometimes called the "free care" policy reversal*

Overview & Introductions

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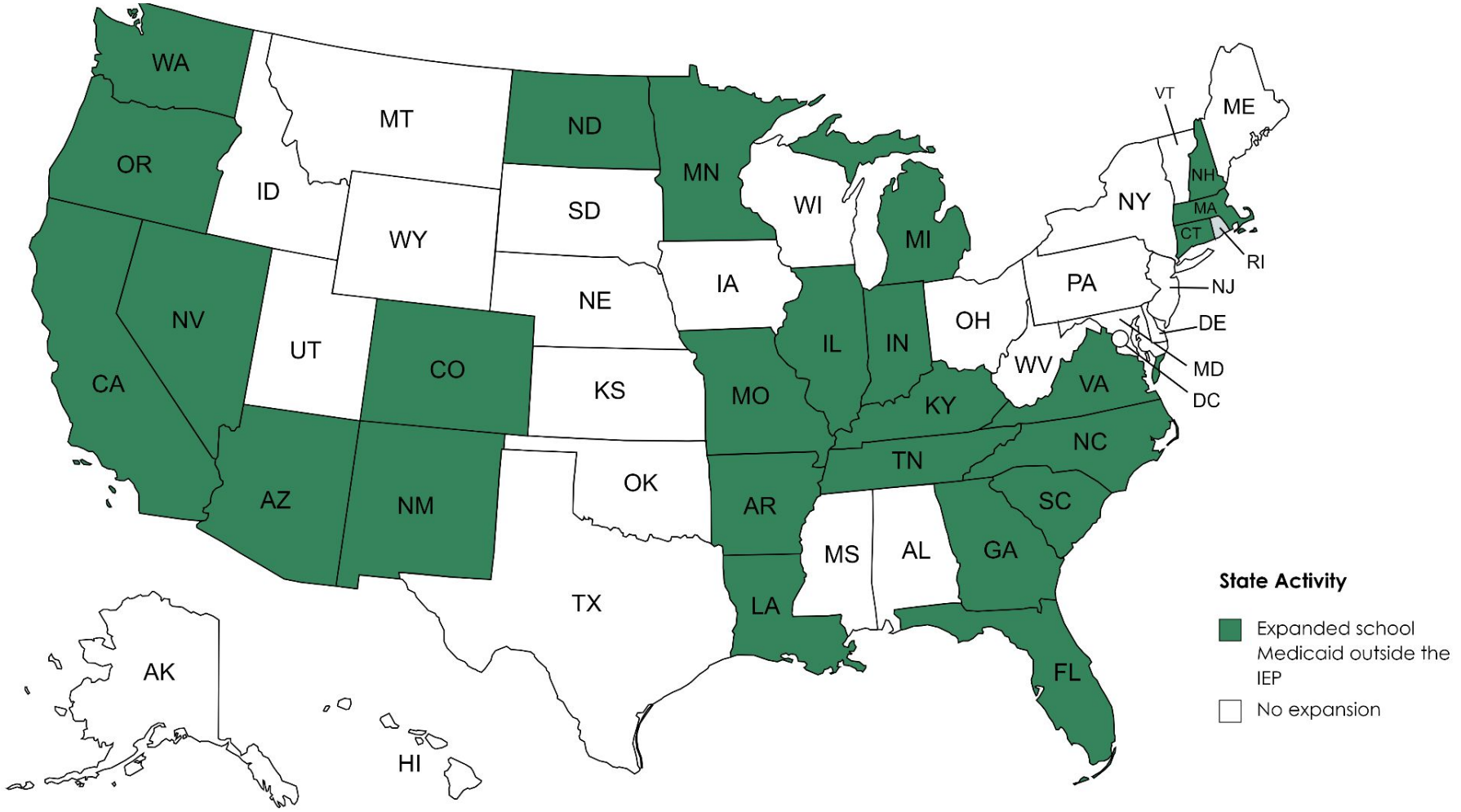
25 States Have Taken Action to Reimburse Outside the IEP



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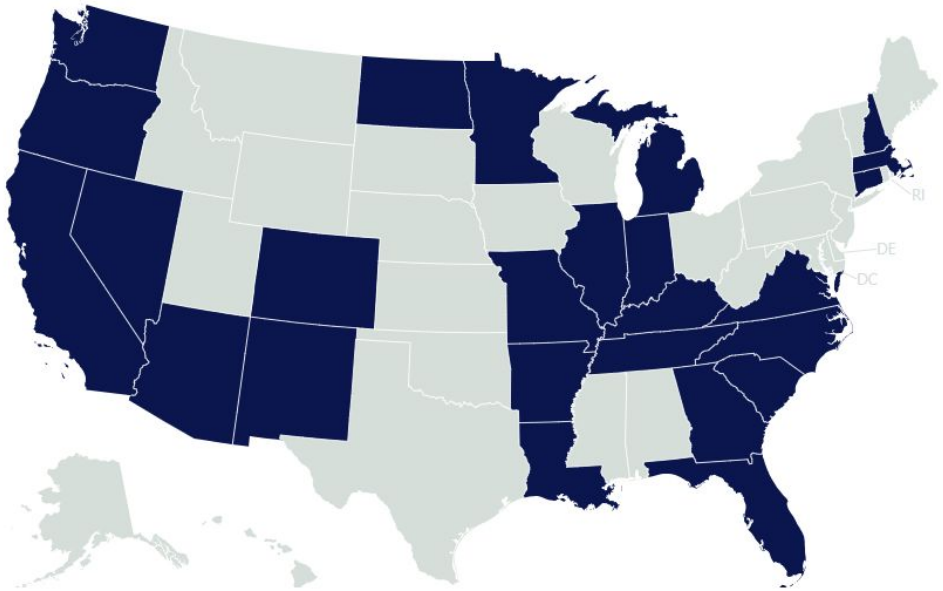
Financial Impact of Expanding School Medicaid: State Snapshots

- **Illinois**
  - $17.8 million in additional federal funding
- **Louisiana**
  - State financial analysis showed a 35% increase in federal revenue since expansion
- **Michigan**
  - $20 million in new federal funding
- **New Mexico**
  - 10.18% increase in federal funding attributed to school Medicaid enhancements
  - Increased reimbursement attributed to expansion - $6,358,755

https://healthystudentspromisingfutures.org/resources/financial-impact-of-expanding-school-medicaid-programs-2024/

School Medicaid Expansion Activity Tracker



School Medicaid Expansion Status

This map indicates the states that have taken the necessary steps to expand their school Medicaid program and the measures they took to do so.

Click on each state to view its status.

Available at the Healthy Students, Promising Futures website:
http://bit.ly/freecareupdate

Overview of State Activity

Type of Activity	States
Expanded coverage to all Medicaid-enrolled students via a state plan amendment (SPA) submitted to and approved by CMS	Arizona; California; Connecticut; Colorado; Florida; Georgia**; Illinois; Indiana; Kentucky; Louisiana; Massachusetts; Michigan; Nevada; New Mexico; North Carolina; Oregon
Submitted SPA to CMS to expand coverage to all Medicaid-enrolled students; SPA is pending approval	Virginia
Expanded coverage to all Medicaid-enrolled students without needing to submit a SPA	Arkansas; Minnesota, Missouri*; New Hampshire; North Dakota; South Carolina; Tennessee
State legislature directed state to expand coverage to all Medicaid-enrolled students	Indiana; New Jersey
State passed legislation related to expanding school Medicaid services	California°; Florida*; New Hampshire; Oregon; Utah°; Virginia
Services outside the IEP covered through partnerships between schools and managed care	Washington
Other opportunities for Medicaid reimbursement in school-based settings	Oklahoma
State Grants Allocated in 2024	
Awarded CMS state grant to implement coverage of school-based health services for all children covered by Medicaid or CHIP	Alaska; Kansas; Maryland; Oregon; Rhode Island; Vermont; Washington; West Virginia; Wisconsin
Awarded CMS state grant to further expand the school Medicaid program	Delaware; Nevada; New Hampshire; North Carolina; Oklahoma; Pennsylvania
Awarded CMS state grant to further enhance the school Medicaid program	Kentucky; Massachusetts; Minnesota

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For more information about HSC's work on school Medicaid, visit Healthy Students, Promising Futures.

- CMS' 2014 letter clarifying free care
- CMS: Delivering Services in School Based Settings: A Comprehensive Guide to Medicaid Services and Administrative Claiming
- Healthy Schools Campaign: Financial Impact of Expanding School Medicaid Programs
- Healthy Schools Campaign: Guide to Expanding Medicaid-Funded School Health Services

Join us in Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of School Medicaid Expansion

Use the hashtag **#ThxSchoolMedicaid** and post a short video or message describing how your state or school community has benefited from expanding school Medicaid and why a strong school Medicaid program is critical for student wellness and K-12 budgets

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