Medicaid in Schools

Overall Data

Nationally, Medicaid covers nearly 37 million children. Medicaid has supported the provision of certain medical services in schools for nearly 30 years.

Schools receive approximately $4 billion a year in Medicaid funding which they use to provide a range of services including: psychiatric, mobility and vision, speech-language pathology, and other needed services.

New York Data

- Medicaid covered 1,805,600 New Yorkers 0-18 years old in FY 2015.
- The total Medicaid expenditures for school based services was $273,563,018 in FY 2015.
- There are 252 approved & operating school-based health centers.
- 181,569 students are enrolled in a school-based health center.
- 450,048 school age children with disabilities received some form of special education programs and/or services.

How the Money is Used

This can be carried out through programs like the Preschool/School Supportive Health Services Program (SSHSP) which provides Medicaid funds to cover the cost of services for disabled students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). The SSHSP covers qualified students aged 3-21.

Medicaid Benefits Students in Many Ways

- Do better in school
- Miss fewer school days due to illness or injury
- More likely to finish high school, attend college, and graduate from college
- Have fewer emergency room visits and hospitalizations as adults
- Earn more as adults

Sources can be found at: http://bit.ly/2vzly30