



All-State Medicaid and CHIP Call February 6, 2024



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Agenda

- State Grants for the Implementation, Enhancement, and Expansion of Medicaid & CHIP School Based Services
- Open Mic Q and A

School Based Services

State Grants for the Implementation, Enhancement, and Expansion of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) School-Based Services (SBS)



Session Objectives

- Discuss the authorizing statute, including statutory language, and purpose for the grants.
- Discuss the parameters of the grant, including grant amounts, number of selected participants and award timelines.
- Describe the qualification requirements for submitted applications, including application categories and the selection process.
- Provide information related to the specific due dates associated with this grant, including application submission and grant fund distribution.
- Opportunity to ask questions will be provided at the end of the presentation.

Bipartisan Safer Communities Act

On June 25, 2022, Congress passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), which included section 11003(b):

“There is authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2022 for the Secretary to award grants to States for the purpose of implementing, enhancing, or expanding the provision of assistance through school-based entities under Medicaid or CHIP.”

Definition of Terms

For purposes of this grant award and relying upon existing work of the agency, CMS determined that it was necessary to define the following terms for this funding opportunity:

- Implementing
- Enhancing
- Expanding

Implementing

“Implementing” States are those that have yet to expand the coverage and billing of Medicaid and CHIP services provided in schools beyond that which is provided pursuant to a student’s Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Enhancing

“Enhancing” States are those that further develop the coverage and billing of Medicaid and CHIP services provided in schools to include any Medicaid or CHIP covered service provided to a Medicaid-or CHIP-enrolled student, whether that service is provided pursuant to a student’s IEP or under the federal “free care” policy, which means any allowable Medicaid services provided to any Medicaid-or CHIP-enrolled students that are medically appropriate to be provided in a school by qualified providers under the Medicaid or CHIP State Plan.

Expanding

“Expanding” States are those that have expanded the coverage and billing of Medicaid and CHIP services provided in schools beyond that which is provided pursuant to a student’s IEP to include at least the expansion of one enrolled provider providing non-IEP services (such as a school nurse) or States that have expanded coverage in a school setting for at least one additional non-IEP Medicaid services under the Medicaid or CHIP State Plan for any IEP or non-IEP Medicaid-or CHIP-enrolled student.

Award Information

- Total grants to be awarded: **20**
- Total amount awarded: **\$ 2.5 million per grant**
- Grant award allocations:
 - No less than 10 grant awards have been designated for the “Implementation” category, dependent upon the number and type of grant applications received.
 - Up to 7 grant awards have been designated for SBS “Expansion” needs
 - Up to 3 awards will go to the “Enhancement” of SBS, dependent upon the number and type of applications received.

Award Distribution Timeline

- The performance period for this grant is 36 months with three 12-month budget periods.
- The distribution of grant funding is as follows:
 - July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025: **\$500,000**
 - July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026: **\$1 million**
 - July 1, 2026 - June 20, 2027: **\$1 million**

Grant Eligibility

- This grant is eligible to State governments, specifically State Medicaid Agencies
- This includes the District of Columbia and all US Territories
- Any State Medicaid Agency may apply.
- Only one application can be submitted for a given State.

Grant Application Categories

While all grant recipients will have general activities they will be expected to complete, additional activities will also be required depending on the application category the State selects.

The three grant categories are as followed:

- The Implementation of Medicaid SBS
- The Expansion of Medicaid SBS
- The Enhancement of Medicaid SBS

Category 1:

The Implementation of Medicaid SBS

- Applicants seeking funds to support implementation activities may include States that have yet to expand the coverage and billing of Medicaid and CHIP services provided in schools beyond that which is provided pursuant to a student's IEP.
- Proposals should specifically describe how the funds will be used and describe the issues that the funding will help resolve, including, but not limited to the building out of school infrastructure for providing health care services, training, and assessment of needs, to allow for the furnishing, billing, and documentation of Medicaid and CHIP SBS.

Category 2

The Expansion of Medicaid SBS (1/3)

Applicants seeking funds to support expansion activities may include States that have expanded the coverage and billing of Medicaid and CHIP services provided in schools beyond that which is provided pursuant to a student's IEP to include at least the expansion of one enrolled provider rendering non-IEP services (such as a school nurse) or States that have expanded coverage in a school-based setting for at least one additional non-IEP Medicaid services under the Medicaid or CHIP State Plan for any IEP or non-IEP Medicaid- or CHIP-enrolled student.

Category 2

The Expansion of Medicaid SBS (2/3)

- Examples of Expansion Activities:
 - States that have included all Medicaid or CHIP coverable IEP services in their State plan, plus additional Medicaid coverage of allowable vaccine administration and fluoride varnish treatments provided to Medicaid- or CHIP-enrolled students would be included in this definition.
 - States that have only expanded billing of Medicaid and CHIP covered services provided to Medicaid- or CHIP-enrolled students pursuant to an IEP or a 504 plan

Category 2

The Expansion of Medicaid SBS (3/3)

Proposals should specifically describe how the funds will be used and describe the issues that the funding will help resolve, including, but not limited to, the expansion of free care in the State program; expanding provider qualifications for Medicaid or CHIP services provided in schools; and/or the expansion of the availability of services provided via telehealth delivery systems.

Category 3

The Enhancement of Medicaid SBS (1/2)

Applicants seeking funds to support enhancement activities may include States that have expanded the coverage and billing of Medicaid and CHIP services provided in schools to include any Medicaid or CHIP covered service provided to a Medicaid- or CHIP-enrolled student, whether that service is provided pursuant to a student's IEP or under the federal "free care" policy, which means any allowable Medicaid or CHIP services provided to any Medicaid- or CHIP-enrolled students that are medically appropriate to be provided in a school by qualified providers under the Medicaid or CHIP State Plan.

Category 3

The Enhancement of Medicaid SBS (2/2)

Proposals should specifically describe how the funds will be used and describe the issues that the funding will help resolve, including the increased availability of mental health services, the removal of coordination barriers between the schools and providers in the community, and the creation of school-based health clinics.

General Grant Activities (1/3)

As part of the grant, all applications should include plans to complete the following activities:

- Applicants must conduct and provide a needs assessment of their current Medicaid and CHIP SBS programs.
- Applicants must develop a stakeholder input process to help inform the needs assessment and gauge the success of planned initiatives.
- Applicants must identify specific infrastructure needs that would enable more effective and efficient billing of Medicaid and CHIP services in schools.

General Grant Activities (2/3)

- Applicants must submit proposals describing how initiatives funded through the planning grant will be sustained in the immediate post-grant award period (first 2 years).
- Applicants must participate/engage with the CMS Technical Assistance Center.
- Applicants must describe in detail information related to the delivery of Medicaid and CHIP SBS in large rural and remote areas of the State.
- Applicants must include a methodology to keep an ongoing list of success and challenges, and for the challenges they must present action steps taken towards resolution of the issue.

General Grant Activities (3/3)

- Applicants must present post-grant sustainability plans for the future of the Medicaid and CHIP SBS program, and the ongoing availability of Medicaid and CHIP services in schools within the State by describing long-term service goals (5 years post-grant) for the program.
- Applicants must present current procedures and proposed process improvements for Statewide tracking, documenting, and maintaining Medicaid and CHIP service data.

Along with completing these activities, all recipients will be required to participate in regular meetings with CMS and our contractors to discuss State strategies and implementation of the State's efforts.

Implementation Specific Activities

In addition to completing the “general activities” previously discussed, States applying under the Implementation of Medicaid SBS Category will be required to complete the following activity:

- Applicants must present plans for the collection of evidence of increased utilization and participation of new and existing Local Education Agencies (LEA) programs within the State.

Expansion Specific Activities

States applying under the Expansion of Medicaid and CHIP SBS Category will be responsible for completing the following activity:

- Plans for, or active submission of, a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to expand the coverage of Medicaid and CHIP services in schools to the full scope of Medicaid and CHIP services vs. single non-Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) services.
- Submissions must include detail of the current Medicaid and CHIP services that are covered in schools. Details about whether services are IDEA-only or if the State covers more than the Medicaid and CHIP services that are required by a child's IEP must be included.

Enhancement Specific Activities

States applying under the Enhancement of Medicaid SBS Category are required to complete the following:

- Applicants must provide a description of the current status of their behavioral health/mental health care services within the school setting.
- Applicants must also provide plans for increasing access to these services in the future.
- Applicants must describe how they intend to increase equity of access to Medicaid services in schools for all children in the State regardless of where the child resides.

Additional Application Information

Applicants are encouraged to include information on current activities that relate to or will support the applicant's proposed activities, as well as help to inform CMS's review of the application. The projective narrative should also include information describing the following:

- Staffing
- State infrastructure
- Data sharing
- Data and Claims Reporting
- Organizational structure

Application Requirements

All applicants must submit the following:

- Standard Forms
- A Cover Letter
- A Project Narrative
- A Budget Narrative
- Business Assessment of Applicant Organization
- Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
- Work Plan and Timeline

Additionally, while a letter of intent is not required, it is recommended. All letters of intent should be submitted no later than February 23, 2024.

Letters of Intent

A Letter of Intent is recommended but is not required and should include:

- (1) an expression of interest, including the proposed regions of participation,
- (2) a brief description of the interested organization,
- (3) and contact information, including the organization's street address and a contact person's name, position, email, and phone number.

Submit Letters of Intent to the SBS Program Team email: MedicaidSBSPlanningGrants@cms.hhs.gov by February 23, 2024.

Application Due Date

All applications must be submitted electronically and be received through <https://www.grants.gov> by:

March 25, 2024

11:59 PM Eastern U.S. Time (Baltimore, MD)

Applications received after the date and time set forth above will not be reviewed or considered for award.

Other Dates

After all applications received, they will be reviewed, and the recipients of the grants shall be announced in June 2024.

The first disbursement of grant funds will take place on July 1, 2024.

Resources

- You can find the grant listed on www.grants.gov
- Questions about the grant can be directed to the grant mailbox at: MedicaidSBSPlanningGrants@cms.hhs.gov
- Additional information about Medicaid SBS may be found at <https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/medicaid-state-technical-assistance/medicaid-and-school-based-services/index.html>

Questions