

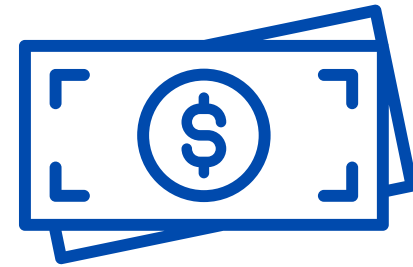
An act relative to MassHealth reimbursement for schools

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The School-Based Medicaid Program (SBMP) provides financial support to help offset the costs of providing the health care services that students need to succeed in school, as well as the costs of administering programs and services that help ensure access to health care for students.

What problem does this bill address?

- Today SBMP reimbursements are unrestricted revenue for the local govt. entity.
- This revenue is often not directed back into the schools to support health staffing and infrastructure.
- This creates a disincentive among school-based providers to bill school Medicaid.



**\$81M in claims
in SFY '24**



**With proper
incentives there is
room to grow**

STATE FISCAL YEAR '24

315

OF 398 DISTRICTS PARTICIPATED IN SBMP

59%

of public schools in the Northeast US reported that the percentage of students seeking school-based mental health services increased since last school year. (National Center for Ed Stats)

This bill will:

- Redirect school Medicaid funds back to schools for health services and administration.
- Ensure schools benefit fully from submitting claims, maximizing federal funds, and expanding access to student health services.



744.3K children
under 21 enrolled in
MassHealth