



Texas Medicaid Provider Procedure Manual School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

SHARS is a Medicaid service. SHARS allows local school districts or shared services arrangements to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services included in the student's IEP. SHARS providers are reimbursed the federal share of the payment when services are provided to students who meet all of the following requirements:

- Are Medicaid eligible and under 21 years of age
- Meet eligibility requirements for special education
- Have IEPs that prescribe the needed services

3.3.10 Transportation Services in a School Setting

Transportation services in a school setting may be reimbursed when they are provided on a specially adapted vehicle and if the following criteria are met:

- Provided to and/or from a Medicaid-covered service for the day the claim is made
- A child requires transportation in a specially adapted school bus to serve the needs of the disabled
- A child resides in an area that does not have school bus transportation, such as those in close proximity to a school
- The Medicaid services covered by SHARS are included in the student's IEP
- The special transportation service is included in the student's IEP

A specially adapted vehicle is one that has been physically modified (e.g., addition of a wheelchair lift, addition of seatbelts or harnesses, addition of child protective seating, or addition of air conditioning).

A bus monitor or other personnel accompanying children on the bus is not considered an allowable special adaptive enhancement for Medicaid reimbursement under SHARS specialized transportation.

Specialized transportation services reimbursable under SHARS require the Medicaid-eligible special education student has the following documented in his or her IEP:

- The student requires a specific physical adaptation or adaptations of a vehicle in order to be transported
- The reason the student needs the specialized transportation

Children with special education needs who ride the regular school bus to school with other nondisabled children are not required to have the transportation services in a school setting listed in their IEP. Also, the cost of the regular school bus ride cannot be billed to SHARS. Therefore, the fact that a child may receive a service through SHARS does not necessarily mean that the transportation services in a school setting may be reimbursed for them.

Reimbursement for covered transportation services is on a student one-way trip basis. If the student receives a billable SHARS service (including personal care services on the bus) and is transported on the school's specially adapted vehicle, the following one-way trips may be billed.

- From the student's residence to school
- From the school to the student's residence
- From the student's residence to a provider's office that is contracted with the district
- From a provider's office that is contracted with the district to the student's residence
- From the school to a provider's office that is contracted with the district
- From a provider's office that is contracted with the district to the student's school
- From the school to another campus to receive a billable SHARS service
- From the campus where the student received a billable SHARS service back to the student's school

Covered transportation services from a child's residence to school and return are not reimbursable if, on the day the child is transported, the child does not receive a Medicaid-covered SHARS service (other than transportation). Documentation of each one-way trip provided must be maintained by the school district (e.g., trip log). This service must not be billed by default simply because the student is transported on a specially adapted bus.

Important: The recommended maximum billable units for Transportation are a total of four one-way trips per day.