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School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

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SHARS Program Overview

- School Health and Related Services (SHARS) are Medicaid services provided by Local Education Agencies (LEAs) in Texas to Medicaid-enrolled students
- SHARS is jointly overseen by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)
- SHARS allows LEAs, or independent school districts and public charter schools, to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for certain medically necessary health-related services documented in a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).



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Nexus of Two Funding Statutes

**IDEA
Part B**

SHARS

**Medicaid
Title XIX
of SSA**



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What does SHARS cover?

SHARS covers the following services:

- Audiology services
- Counseling services
- Nursing services
- Occupational therapy (OT)
- Personal care services (PCS)
- Physical therapy (PT)
- Physician services
- Psychological services, including assessments
- Special Transportation Services
- Speech therapy (ST)



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How is SHARS Reimbursed?

SHARS reimbursement is provided for students who:

- Are 20 years of age or younger and enrolled for Medicaid
- Meet eligibility requirements for special education described in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Have (IEPs) that prescribe the needed services

SHARS is carved out of managed care and payment is facilitated through an interim claiming and cost reporting process.



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How is SHARS Reimbursed (Cont.)?

To be reimbursed for delivering Medicaid services, HHSC requires LEAs to:

- Submit interim claims according to HHSC financial guidelines
- Complete annual cost reporting
- Undergo cost reconciliation and cost settlement processes as conducted by HHSC
- Participate in the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS)



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Resources

SHARS Medicaid Handbook

- For further information on SHARS Medicaid policy, please see the [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual \(TMPPM\) School Health and Related Services \(SHARS\) Handbook](#)

SHARS Provider Finance Website

- For further information on SHARS reimbursement and payment methodology, please see the [HHSC Provider Finance School Health and Related Services webpage](#).

SHARS TEA Website

- For further information on TEA's role in SHARS, please see the [Texas Education Agency \(TEA\) School Health and Related Services webpage](#).



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Questions?



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Thank you
