

Michigan School Medicaid Bulletin

What to Know This Fall

Michigan School-Based Services has seen a lot of change, and you've been handling the Medicaid shifts on top of everything else. Here are the updates from our Fall 2026 Relay-Michigan User Collaborative, action items first.

Your To-Do List

Now**Update Personal Care NPIs**

Replace the generic 111111111 with your ISD NPI if the signing clinician has no individual NPI.

By 7/1/2027**Get Providers NPI-Ready**

Individual NPIs and state Medicaid enrollment take time. Starting early helps.

Ongoing**Check Your Modifiers**

Old modifiers are behind a recent rise in N519 denials. The checklist is on page 2.

Personal Care: Update Your NPI

Effective **7/1/2026**, PT, OT, Orientation & Mobility, Speech & Language, and Hearing Therapy need a prescription or order. Personal Care may use the ISD's NPI when the clinician signing the authorization has no individual NPI.

Looking Ahead to 7/1/2027

By 7/1/2027, rendering providers need an individual NPI, and Medicaid-eligible providers must be enrolled in state Medicaid to be on the RMTS Staff Pool List and stay reimbursable.

1 Get a Type 1 NPI

Get a Type 1 (individual) NPI through CMS first.

Allow about 30 days.

2 Enroll in State Medicaid

Enroll after the bulletin's effective date. The state's 7/13/2026 email said that date will be **12/1/2026**.

Typically 2 business days, though waits can grow with volume.

Denials: What We Are Seeing

Some ISDs are seeing more denials with code **N519** (invalid combination of HCPCS modifiers). Old modifiers are a common cause, so check yours below.

TM Services provided through IEP

TR IEP participation

TL Services provided through IFSP

TJ REED evaluation (review of existing evaluation data)

GN Speech services

GP Physical therapy services

GO Occupational therapy services

HT Multidisciplinary team billing for an IDEA assessment, eval, or test

93 Telemedicine, audio only (replaced GT in 2023)

95 Telemedicine, audio and video (replaced GT in 2023)

96 Habilitation (learn or develop daily living skills)

97 Rehabilitative (restore lost or impaired skills)

Modifier Looks Right but Still Denied?

Resubmit through Fix Claims and watch it. Denials typically return in about 1 week, paid claims in about 2. If it denies again and you're not sure why, contact CHAMPS.

Quick Hits

Coordination of Care

C4S audit finding

- When a student gets services through both SPS and C4S, C4S should supplement existing services, not replace them.
- Plan of care goals need to be distinct to each program.
- Keep the case manager or coordinator informed.
- Document it with calls, logs, or team meetings. If attempts fail, record them.

Specialized Transportation

NAME and CMS guidance

- The student is Medicaid eligible.
- The IEP lists specialized transportation and current adaptations.
- The student has a paid health-related service on the same day.
- The vehicle has at least two approved adaptations.