



## **School Health Services - Medically Necessary**

### **Medical Necessity**

Medical Necessity is a health care service or product provided for under the Medicaid State Plan and is necessary and consistent with generally accepted professional standards to:

- Diagnose, treat or prevent illness or disease, including mental illness
- Regain functional capacity; **or**
- Reduce or ameliorate effects of an illness, injury, or disability

The determination of medical necessity is made based on the individual case and takes into account:

- The type, frequency, extent, and duration of treatment with scientifically based guidelines of national medical or health care coverage organizations or governmental agencies.
- The level of service can be safely and effectively furnished, and no equally effective and more conservative or less costly treatment is available.
- Those services are delivered in a clinically appropriate setting to the recipient's specific physical and mental/behavioral health care needs.
- Services are provided for medical or mental/behavioral reasons rather than for the convenience of the recipient, the student's caregiver, or the health care provider.

Medical necessity shall consider the service's ability to allow recipients to remain in a community-based setting when such a setting is safe, and there is no less costly, more conservative, or more practical setting.

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