



**Questions Asked During MaineCare in Education Webinar
September 3, 2024**

MaineCare Questions

Q: “Does MaineCare still reimburse for mileage if the child is receiving services that are covered by MaineCare in the school?”

A: MaineCare does provide Non-Emergency Transportation assistance for members.

Please participate in the online training on the [MaineCare in Education web page](#), called “My Student and MaineCare” (at the very bottom of the page) for more information related to transporting members to schools.

There is also more detailed information related to NET services posted in the online MaineCare in Education 101 and 102 posted provider trainings.

See the Non-Emergency Transportation Broker list and locate your town to see which broker to call. <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/sites/maine.gov.dhhs/files/inline-files/Transportation-Document-A-Brokers.pdf>

Q: “Where in the MaineCare Manual are the billable services listed for Clinicians in Day Treatment?”

A: Day Treatment is covered under [Section 65](#), which contains all the applicable service requirements.

Q: “Can any student with MaineCare insurance access resources from a school-based health clinic?”

A: It’s important to check with all providers before services are delivered, to find out if MaineCare is accepted as payment for covered services.

Adolescent and School Health Programs

<https://www11.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/population-health/school-health/index.shtml>

Q: “Will MaineCare pay for services in out of state schools that serve Maine students?”

A: MaineCare provides reimbursement for covered services to all enrolled providers. If you have a provider out of state, that provider must work with MaineCare to become a MaineCare provider prior to any services being rendered.

Q: “Are BCBA services reimbursed by MaineCare? Will they be if they aren’t now?”

A: MaineCare covers Specialized Rehabilitative and Community Support Services which are delivered by behavioral health professionals under the supervision of a BCBA.





Q: “How does MaineCare work for Out of State SPPS's?”

A: MaineCare provides reimbursement for covered services to all enrolled providers.

Q: “Does the school need to be licensed to do these MaineCare Sections like a community agency in order to provide these MaineCare services.”

A: The [MaineCare Benefits Manual](#) outlines provider requirements for all covered services.

In general, school providers are required to follow the same requirements as other professionals who deliver MaineCare covered services. There are however some differences based on enrolled provider type and where services are delivered.

Education Services Questions

Q: “Does the school have the right to my move my child who has autism to another area because school cannot understand him as he speaks Portuguese. Now I must drive 40 minutes to drop him off. What is my right as a parent?”

A: This is outside of MaineCare’s oversight and should be addressed with your student’s School Administrative Unit.

The Maine Department of Education or Maine Parent Federation may be able to assist you with suggestions and support navigating this situation.

Q: “A family who has 20 years old with autism. School hours are shorter than what the 20 years old needs.”

A: Members in need of MaineCare covered services outside of school hours should work with their primary care physicians to determine what services and supports are needed outside of school.

If you feel the young person needs more hours provided during the day for school, this should be brought back to the school administrative unit or IEP team for further discussion and determination.

Q: “If I already have section 28, can I use them in school?”

A: MaineCare services delivered in school are determined by a member’s IEP team. Your student’s needs should be addressed first with the IEP team. The IEP team will then determine how services will be delivered in the school.

If the member does not qualify for an IEP, then you should discuss this with the current provider delivering the Home and Community service to determine the need and treatment plan goals and objectives.





Q: “Can my BHP transitions with my child into the school? Like he gets community care right now.”

A: Schools are responsible first for following IDEA regulations. The conversation first needs to happen with your School Administrative Unit. Does your student qualify for an IEP? If so, what services does the IEP team think your student needs?

Once this is determined, MaineCare can provide reimbursement for any MaineCare covered service your student is determined eligible for if the SAU chooses to seek reimbursement through MaineCare.

Q: “What if that ED Tech is also a BHP in the school?”

A: MaineCare provides for reimbursement for BHPs when they deliver covered services pursuant to the MaineCare Benefits Manual. MaineCare does not provide reimbursement for time when the individual is not delivering the covered service and is acting in their capacity as an ed tech.

Q: “Can a PDN in school provide nursing and ed tech services at the same time to the same student and be reimburse by MC?”

A: No. If MaineCare is providing reimbursement for Private Duty Nursing Services, it is the expectation the RN or LPN is acting within their scope of practice based on the approved plan of care for the member. MaineCare does not provide reimbursement for ed tech services.

General Questions

Q: “We have adopted kids from the foster care program. I am having an issue in trying to get Katie Becket for my bio kid because the application asks you if you already receive it which we do for the adopted kids, but the case worker told us not to put that on the application so that their coverage is not messed up. However, I feel this would be misleading the application.”

A: Please contact the Office for Family Independence. They can assist you with applying for the Katie Beckett program and discuss the best way to complete your application.

MaineCare Eligibility: DHHS: Office of Family Independence (OFI)

- Eligibility and Benefit Questions Phone: 1 (855) 797-4357
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/about-us/contact>





Q: “How does someone working full time making \$25 hourly qualify for MaineCare if they can receive it at their workplace?”

A: Sometimes individuals qualify for MaineCare and use it as secondary coverage. Please contact the Office for Family Independence to discuss eligibility guidelines.

Who is eligible?

You may be eligible for MaineCare if your monthly income (before you pay taxes) is up to:

YOUR HOUSEHOLD SIZE	CHILDREN	YOUNG ADULTS (19-20)	ADULTS (21-64)	PREGNANT INDIVIDUALS*
1	\$3,828	\$3,828	\$1,733	N/A
2	\$5,196	\$5,196	\$2,352	\$3,646
3	\$6,563	\$6,563	\$2,970	\$4,605
4	\$7,930	\$7,930	\$3,588	\$5,564
Each additional family member	Add \$1,345	Add \$1,345	Add \$597	\$938

*Add 1 to household size for each baby expected.

You may still qualify even if you are over the income limits. Please refer to the [eligibility guidelines \(PDF\)](#) for detailed information about income limits for different MaineCare coverage categories.

Even if you do not qualify for MaineCare, you may be able eligible to receive financial help paying for health insurance when you purchase coverage through the individual marketplace. Learn more at [CoverME.gov](#).

Q: “Are schools made aware of these potential upcoming changes and resources that they may have to offer?”

A: Federal and state laws require schools to follow IDEA and MUSER regulations for special education. Schools are not required by any statute to seek MaineCare reimbursement.

MaineCare works closely with the Maine Department of Education to share information regarding opportunities for reimbursement when schools deliver MaineCare covered services to members.

MaineCare has posted resources on the [MaineCare in Education web page](#) and is involved in regular workshops, seminars, and other activities with the Maine Department of Education to ensure schools have support if they choose to bill MaineCare and deliver services. MaineCare representatives hold regular meetings with SAU representatives and are available for trainings as requested.

