



STATEMENT ON THE USE OF MEDICAID IN SCHOOLS

The National Alliance of Pupil Services Organizations (NAPSO) supports the use of Medicaid as an appropriate and cost-effective source of funds to help pay for essential services for Medicaid eligible children. We assert that Medicaid funds can and should be used in the schools to help pay for Medicaid eligible services to Medicaid eligible children, including students with disabilities. Medicaid funds, combined with other funding sources, contribute to the delivery and enhancement of services for Medicaid eligible children.

NAPSO represents highly qualified professionals who may be providers of Medicaid-eligible services. Many of these health services remove barriers to student learning and are essential to academic success. Additionally, schools are a crucial point of access for such services. As such, Medicaid-eligible students should continue to have access to Medicaid-eligible services through the schools.

NAPSO does not condone fraud, waste, and abuse of Medicaid funds. We will continue to work with our organization members in the appropriate use of Medicaid dollars to ensure that waste, fraud, and abuse do not occur.

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The National Alliance of Pupil Services Organizations (NAPSO) is a coalition of national professional organizations whose members provide a variety of school-based prevention and intervention services to assist students in becoming effective learners and productive citizens. NAPSO organizations represent over a million members, including school counselors, school nurses, psychologists, school psychologists, social workers and school social workers; occupational, physical, and creative arts therapists; and speech-language pathologists, audiologists, students, parents, and pupil services administrators. NAPSO promotes interdisciplinary practice and cooperation and advocates for ensuring access to quality pupil services for all students.