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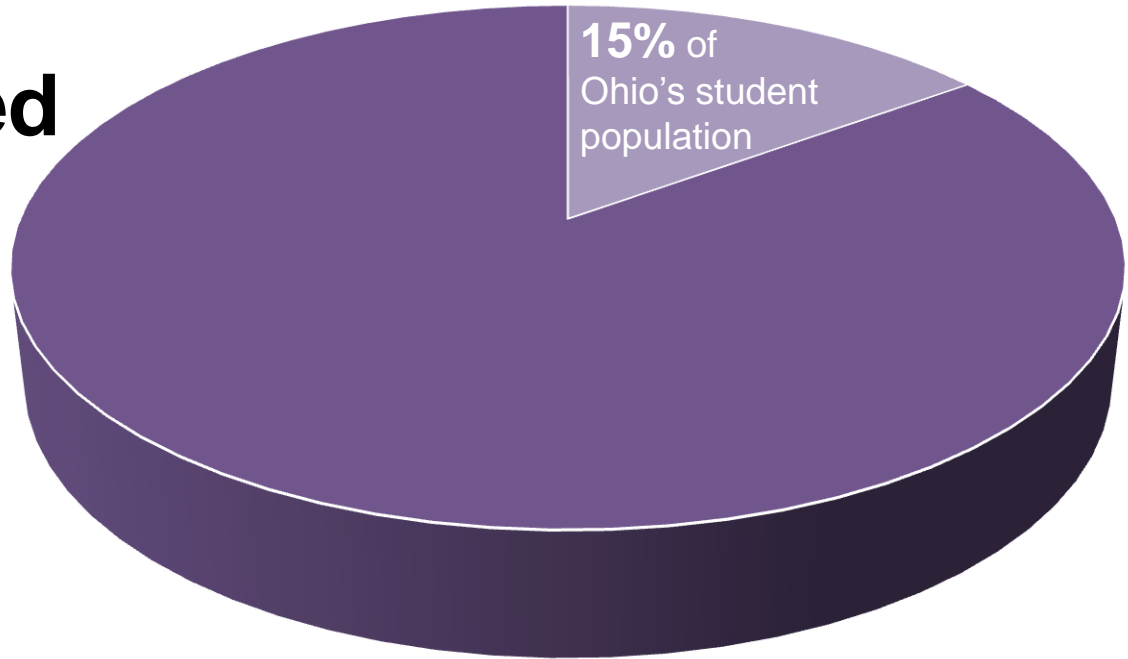
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Student Population

Children identified with a disability:

Approx. 231,776
(2013-14 federal child count)

15% of Ohio's student population

Medicaid Schools Program

Approx. 61,000 students w/ disabilities

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Free Appropriate Public Education

Major Provisions of IDEA

Child Find and Evaluation

Individualized Education Program

Procedural Safeguards and FERPA

Child Find and Evaluation

Child Find: Locate and serve

Evaluation

- Determine whether a child has a disability
- Determine the nature and extent of the special education and related service needs

Individualized Education Program

IEP

Meet the child's needs that result from the child's disability

Procedural Safeguards

Parent Involvement and Rights

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act - Confidentiality
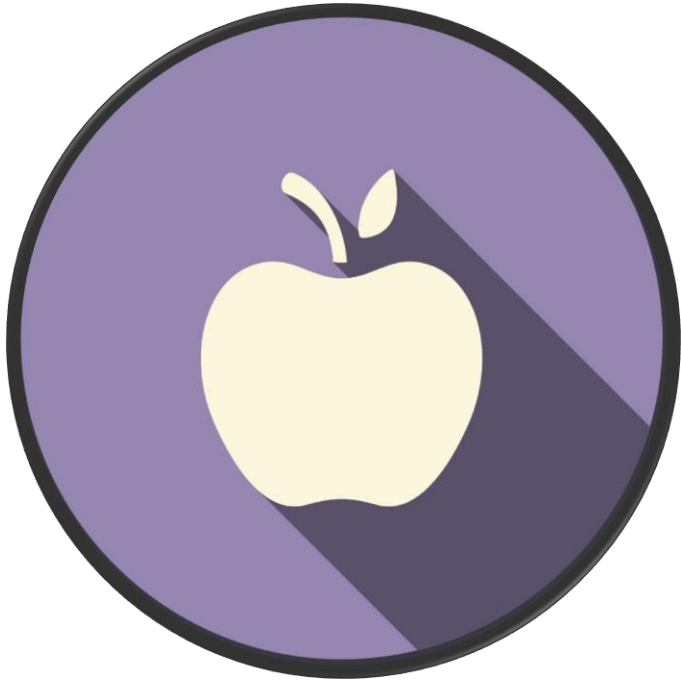
Finding a Balance

Student Outcomes

Compliance

Partnering to Improve Outcomes for Ohio's Children with Disabilities

What does implementing the ORP requirement mean for the Medicaid Schools Program?

What does this mean for the Medicaid School Program?

Beginning Aug. 1, 2016 (the 2016-17 school year):

To receive Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to a Medicaid eligible-student with a disability:

- Medicaid claims from MSP providers to ODM must include the name and NPI number of the individual who ordered/referred/prescribed the service for the student.

What does this mean for the Medicaid School Program?

This **impacts claims for reimbursement** for:

- ✓ audiology services;
- ✓ occupational therapy services,
- ✓ physical therapy services,
- ✓ speech-language pathology services, AND
- ✓ *** nursing services**

* NOTE: Nursing services have required ORP approval for coverage since the start of Ohio's Medicaid School Program and will continue to do so. There is also a requirement to provide the name and NPI of the registered provider

No Change to IEP Process

IEP team still makes decisions on what is best for a student's special education needs

Therapists provide and document services

To Receive Medicaid Reimbursement:

Medical referral or an order is needed prior to the service being provided to Medicaid eligible students with disabilities.

Next Steps

Guidance to support documentation and implementation of the new requirement

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Ongoing process for ODM and ODE to respond to questions

For More Information

For more information, visit **education.ohio.gov.**

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Provider Enrollment Questions:
Contact Provider Network Management at 1-800-686-1516

Questions

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