

HB 587 / SB 290: Medicaid School-Based Services

This bill makes life changing services available to a broader range of students in need!

The Florida Medicaid Certified School Match Program provides school districts, private and charter schools the opportunity to enroll in Medicaid to have Medicaid share in the cost of providing tailored, educationally relevant and medically necessary school health services to students.

- ▶ Schools and school districts participating in the program can either employ or contract directly with Medicaid enrolled health care providers. The following types of health services are covered by the program:
 - ▶ Physical therapy;
 - ▶ Occupational therapy;
 - ▶ Speech therapy;
 - ▶ Behavioral health;
 - ▶ Mental health; and
 - ▶ Transportation.

What is the purpose of 587 / SB 290?

- ▶ Florida Medicaid law is currently more restrictive than federal Medicaid law.
- ▶ This bill allows for a broader range of low-income students to qualify for medical services at school by aligning Florida law with federal Medicaid requirements.

Why is 587 / SB 290 necessary?

- ▶ This bill means better healthcare services at school for students on Medicaid, including behavioral and mental health services.
- ▶ The bill aligns current law with the federal Medicaid requirements by removing requirements that Medicaid recipients receiving services through the Florida Medicaid Certified School Match Program qualify for Part B or H of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), or for exceptional student services, or have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

How would 587 / SB 290 work?

- ▶ Under the program, schools and school districts use state and local funds to pay for covered health services provided to students that are Medicaid recipients for which the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) then reimburses them with matching federal Medicaid funds.

Vote YES on HB 587 / SB 290!