

How to Spend MSBS Funds

Effective July 1, 2016, HSD has removed the requirement in the Governmental Services Agreements (GSAs) that MSBS funds be utilized to “improve and expand health and health-related services provided by the schools and the community for children, youth, and families as outlined in the Collaborative Plan.”

Districts are encouraged to continue use of MSBS funds as they have in the past to support health and health-related services. These expenditures could include:

- Salaries/Benefits of MSBS staff including coordinator, billing clerk
- Supplies for MSBS office/staff including computers, printers, fax, office supplies
- Additional School Nurse FTEs
- Additional School Social Worker/Counselor FTEs
- Extend Staff hours:
 - (.6 SW to 1.0 SW to work with regular ed. students; .5 nurse to 1.0 nurse)
- Contracted Therapists
- School Nurse Supplies/Equipment
- Wellness Coordinator FTE
- Behavior redirector FTE
- Staff and supplies for SBHC
- Travel for MSBS staff to attend MSBS meetings and/or trainings, including PE/MOSAA, and conferences
- Conference expenses, if conference related to MSBS/Medicaid or Medical
- Third-Party billing expenses
- Small piece of adaptive equipment, not covered by insurance, for individual student
- ICD-10 Code Books
- Nursing IHP care plan books
- Health Education Materials
- After-school/summer programs if they include nutrition, physical education, and health education components
- Medical Training for Educational Assistants to be Health Assistants
- Items that support good nutrition
- OT, PT, Yoga mats
- Equipment for direct service providers to comply with goals, objectives in IEP/IFSP
- AEDs including replacement batteries, supplies and maintenance

MSBS Update on Supplanting Rules from CMS

The School Health Office has confirmed with the staff at CMS that although the MSBS funds are considered Federal Flow-Thru funds, they are reimbursement for services already rendered by the school district and considered “unrestricted” so the supplanting rules of OMB A-87 **do not apply**. These requirements still exist for other sources of funding such as IDEA.

What does this mean for MSBS districts?

Spending MBSBS Funds

Districts can now utilize MSBS funds to pay for positions that have been paid from other funding sources in the past. The GSA requirement of spending MSBS funds “to improve and expand health and health-related services provided by the schools and the community for children, youth and families” still applies.

Administrative Claiming

Districts can now allow staff paid out of MSBS funds to participate in the time study and subsequently claim their salaries on the quarterly administrative claims. The rule of not including staff paid 100% out of other federal funds (Carl Perkins, IDEA, etc.) still applies.

Direct Services Billing

Ancillary staff and nurses who are paid out of MSBS funds can bill for IEP related services provided to students.