

**MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENTS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carol Spackman Moss**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill enacts provisions related to Medicaid reimbursements to public schools.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ requires a local education agency to certify each year that Medicaid reimbursements were used only for the service for which the reimbursement was received;
- ▶ prohibits a local education agency from using Medicaid reimbursements except:
  - to enhance the compensation of an employee who provided the reimbursable service; or
  - to reimburse a contracted provider for providing the reimbursable service; and
- ▶ provides that, beginning on January 1, 2021, the State Board of Education shall submit Medicaid reimbursement requests on behalf of public schools for allowable administrative costs.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:

**53G-7-217**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **53G-7-217** is enacted to read:

**53G-7-217. Local education agency Medicaid reimbursements.**

(1) (a) If an LEA receives Medicaid reimbursement for services provided to eligible students, the LEA shall annually certify to the state board that each Medicaid reimbursement the LEA received was used only to cover the cost of the service for which reimbursement was approved.

(b) An LEA may only use a Medicaid reimbursement to:

(i) enhance the compensation of an employee who provided the associated Medicaid covered service to an eligible student; or

(ii) reimburse a contracted provider who provided the associated Medicaid covered service to an eligible student.

(2) (a) Beginning January 1, 2021, and except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), an LEA may not receive a Medicaid reimbursement for administrative costs as allowed by the Medicaid program.

(b) On behalf of an LEA, the state board shall enter into an agreement for Medicaid reimbursement for administrative costs and submit administrative reimbursement requests as allowed by the Medicaid program.