



Arlington  
Public  
Schools

## SCHOOLBASEDMEDICAID/FAMIS FREQUENTLYASKEDQUESTIONS:

TheIndividualswithDisabilitiesEducationAct(IDEA)allowsforsome IndividualizedEducationProgram(IEP)services to be covered by Medicaid and for Arlington Public Schools (APS) to bill the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS). These services include physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language pathology services, skilled nursing services, personal care assistants, special transportation, and certain evaluations. In order to bill Medicaid, APS must obtain parental consent.

Below is a list of frequently asked questions about the School Based Medicaid program.

1. Why do schools need parental consent to bill for Medicaid/FAMIS claims?  
APS is required by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) to obtain parental consent before disclosing information about a student with a disability. This includes providing information to the Medicaid (DMAS) agency.
2. How often does APS need to get my consent to bill Medicaid/FAMIS for the services outlined in my child's IEP?  
Parental consent is required for each billable service. If you have a child with a disability, you will receive a consent form from APS for each billable service. The consent form is valid for one year from the date of signing. If you have a child with a disability, you will receive a consent form from APS for each billable service. The consent form is valid for one year from the date of signing.
4. What happens if I give consent and change my mind?  
If you give consent and then change your mind, the services performed during the time of consent will be billed to the Medicaid (DMAS) agency. Please contact the Medicaid Coordinator at (703) 228-0655 if you want to change your consent decision.

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