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MaineCare in Education: Medically Necessary Health-Related Services

Minimum Requirements for School Health-Related Services Provided to MaineCare Members

All IDEA services that are provided to MaineCare members must:

1. Be medically necessary
2. Be ordered, prescribed, or recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts
3. Be included in the member's Individualized Education Plan or Individualized Family Service Plan and,
4. Be medical in nature (as opposed to educational).

It is the provider's responsibility to verify a member's eligibility for MaineCare prior to providing services, as described in Chapter I, Section 1 of the MaineCare Benefits Manual.

Medically Necessary Services are:

- MaineCare covered services (subject to age, eligibility, and coverage restrictions as specified in other Sections of the MBM as well as Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services requirements as detailed in Chapter II, Section 95 of the MBM);
- Provided within the regulations of the MBM
- Provided in an appropriate setting
- Performed by enrolled providers within their scope of licensure and/or certification
- Required for the diagnosis, prevention, and/or treatment of illness, disability, infirmity, or impairment and which are necessary to improve, restore, or maintain health and wellbeing and
- Recognized as standard medical care, based on national standards for best practices and safe, effective, quality care.