

## CSCT: SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

### LEGISLATOR NOTICE

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### Background Materials and Research

**Topic Summary:** The Department of Public Health and Human Services created the Comprehensive School and Community Treatment (CSCT) program in 2005. The program is not established in statute. Instead, DPHHS created the program through administrative rules, under its broad statutory authority to administer the state Medicaid program and to provide services to children. The program allows schools to offer mental health treatment in the school setting to children who, in most instances, have a diagnosis of Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED). Schools may offer the services themselves or contract with a licensed mental health center for the services. Schools also must provide the required matching funds to draw federal Medicaid dollars. Until recently, schools been using in-kind contributions as the match.

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services notified DPHHS in 2016 that the in-kind contributions did not meet federal standards for matching funds. DPHHS negotiated continuance of the in-kind contributions until 2020 and used general fund dollars as the match after that. The 2021 Legislature passed a bill requiring the Office of Public Instruction to facilitate school district reimbursement for the CSCT program and to collaborate with DPHHS to develop the funding method. The state now requires school districts to provide a cash match up front to obtain federal Medicaid funding for the services.

### Legislative Services Division Materials

- Briefing Paper: [CSCT Overview](#), September 2021

### Other Materials:

#### Office of Public Instruction Materials:

- [CSCT Accounting Guidance](#), 2021-2022 School Year
- [CSCT Webpage](#)

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

- [Evaluating Comprehensive School and Community Treatment: Report for the Montana Office of Public Instruction](#), January 2018

### DPHHS Materials:

- [CSCT Webpage](#)
- [CSCT Statistics](#), January 2022
- [Children's Mental Health Bureau Medicaid Expenditures](#), State Fiscal Year 2020

## Introduced Legislation

### 2021:

[House Bill No. 671](#) (Chapter Number Assigned) -- AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF HOUSE BILL 2; PROVIDING FOR INTERIM STUDIES ON EDUCATIONAL FISCAL MATTERS; REQUIRING THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO COLLABORATE IN SUPPORTING SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN SEEKING REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCHOOL-BASED ELIGIBLE SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; REVISING LAWS RELATED TO PRESERVING MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGES; REVISING THE MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM; ELIMINATING THE TERMINATIONS OF THE MONTANA INDIAN LANGUAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND THE CULTURAL INTEGRITY COMMITMENT ACT; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-537, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 7, CHAPTER 410, LAWS OF 2013, SECTIONS 3 AND 7, CHAPTER 426, LAWS OF 2015, SECTION 10, CHAPTER 442, LAWS OF 2015, SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 9, CHAPTER 232, LAWS OF 2017, SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 7, CHAPTER 77, LAWS OF 2019, AND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 171, LAWS OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONTINGENT VOIDNESS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

2019: None

### 2017:

[House Bill No. 446](#) AN ACT ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES FOR YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS; ALLOWING LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND FACILITIES TO CONTRACT WITH SCHOOLS FOR SERVICES; ESTABLISHING PROGRAM AND PROVIDER CRITERIA; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

2015: None

2013: None

2011: None

2009: None

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