



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU**  
Governor

September 27, 2019

Dear Superintendents,

Over the past several weeks, my office has heard from many school districts who are concerned about federally required changes to the Medicaid to Schools Program. I share those concerns and directed New Hampshire Health and Human Services Commissioner Jeff Meyers to dig into the issue and provide school districts with background and guidance on the situation. That information is attached.

As you know, I am a strong supporter of the Medicaid to Schools program. Previously this program was limited to students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). In 2017, I was proud to sign Senate Bill 235, which expanded Medicaid coverage to all students who are eligible to receive Medicaid services. We recognize that Medicaid is a critical program for many of New Hampshire's children and that schools often serve as key providers of medical services for those students.

This spring, the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) issued guidance to states that placed additional regulations on the program, some of which deal with eligibility for reimbursable services. This has understandably raised concern from teachers and administrators. It also required the state to reassess how the program is administered to ensure that federal funding for the entire program is not put at risk.

Commissioner Meyers' letter fully explains where New Hampshire's program currently stands with these regulations and what our plan is moving forward to ensure that students are still receiving the critical services that they need.

We are committed to working with CMS, as well as stakeholders, to ensure that we receive as much flexibility and common sense in these regulations as possible. I will be reaching out directly to CMS to explore opportunities, which would allow us to take action to provide for greater flexibility and responsibly expand reimbursement opportunities. My goal is to ensure that schools have the ability to ensure students are getting the services they need without risking federal funding for the program.

My office will remain in regular contact with you on our progress. In the meantime, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services if you need any assistance or guidance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christopher T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu  
Governor