

## Guidance Regarding Parental Consent

We have always been given guidance by the Department of Health and Human Services, both historically and recently, that access by school districts in Maine to Medicaid reimbursements does not negatively affect a child's personal coverage under MaineCare. The exception to this understanding, however, is that if a child has MaineCare through the Katie Beckett program, the cost of the services provided by the Child Development Services regional site or school administrative unit will count against his/her annual Medicaid cap.

In addition, if a parent grants consent to a school district to bill Medicaid and MaineCare reimburses the school, the consent also allows MaineCare to bill any other private health insurance that covers the child. MaineCare services may be submitted to the parents' private health insurance, and appear on the private health insurance Explanation of Benefits (EOB). It is unlikely, however, that the child's private health insurance will reimburse MaineCare for services provided pursuant to a child's IEP.