

**Suwannee County School Board  
Exceptional Student Education**

**NOTICE TO PARENTS ABOUT PUBLIC INSURANCE/MEDICAID BILLING**

This notice is for the purpose of informing you, as a parent, of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) regulations at 34 C.F.R. § 300.154 that went into effect on March 18, 2013 regarding written notification and parent consent requirements for accessing public benefits or insurance, such as Medicaid. Before the school district accesses your or your child's Medicaid or other publicly funded benefits for the first time to seek reimbursement for services provided to an eligible student, and annually thereafter, this written notice is provided to inform you of the following:

- A one-time prior written parental consent will be requested in order for the school district to release personal information from your child's education records or information about the services that may be provided for the purpose of billing Medicaid or another specific agency for IEP services. If at any time billable services are revised, your consent will be requested again.
- The consent form will set forth the information about your child that will be disclosed, the purpose of the disclosure (e.g., Medicaid billing) and the agency to which the records will be released. By giving your consent to the release of information, you understand and agree that your or your child's public benefits or insurance will be accessed to reimburse the cost of services.
- You are not required to sign up for or enroll in public benefits or insurance programs for your child to receive a free appropriate public education or IEP services.
- You are not required to pay out-of-pocket expenses such as a deductible or co-pay amount resulting from filing a claim, but may pay the costs that otherwise would be paid by you.
- Public benefits or insurance (e.g., Medicaid) will not be billed if it would:
  - Result in a decrease in lifetime benefits;
  - Result in your paying for services that would otherwise be covered and that are needed for your child outside of the time that he/she is in school;
  - Result in an increase in premiums or discontinuation of public benefits or insurance; or
  - Risk loss of eligibility for home and community-based waivers based on the total (aggregated) health-related expenditures for you or your child.
- You have the right to withdraw consent to disclose your child's personal information for billing purposes at any time.
- Your withdrawal of consent, or refusal to provide consent, to release your child's personal information for purposes of accessing your public benefits or insurance (e.g., for Medicaid billing) does not relieve the school district of its responsibility to ensure that all required IEP services are provided at no cost to you.