

1 AN ACT relating to the school-based Medicaid program.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *(1) Beginning in the 2027-2028 school year, if a school district elects to:*

6 *(a) Provide healthcare services through a licensed or certified healthcare*
7 *professional, the school district shall bill the school-based Medicaid*
8 *program for medically necessary services provided to Medicaid enrolled*
9 *students for whom the district has obtained parental consent to bill; and*

10 *(b) Contract with a third-party billing vendor to bill the school-based Medicaid*
11 *program for covered services, the school district shall contract with a*
12 *vendor that has the capacity to submit Medicaid billing claims for all codes*
13 *listed in the current Medicaid Technical Assistance Guide, including all*
14 *codes within the scope of practice of nurse practitioners.*

15 *(2) (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, school nurses shall be*
16 *eligible to receive preventative oral health services training provided by the*
17 *Department for Public Health.*

18 *(b) School districts shall be permitted to bill for preventative oral health*
19 *services under the school-based Medicaid program when providing*
20 *preventative oral health services that are within the scope of practice of a*
21 *school nurse to Medicaid enrolled students for whom the district has*
22 *obtained parental consent to bill.*

23 *(c) Preventative oral health services provided under this subsection shall be:*

24 *1. Limited to services within the scope of practice for school nurses*
25 *established under KRS Chapter 314; and*

26 *2. Provided in accordance to protocols developed by the Department for*
27 *Public Health in consultation with the Kentucky Board of Dentistry.*

1 (3) This section shall not:

2 (a) Apply to a school district that contracts with its local health department, a
3 federally qualified health center, or any other community-based provider
4 for school healthcare services;

5 (b) Be interpreted as requiring a school district to provide healthcare services
6 through a school nurse;

7 (c) Be construed or interpreted as modifying or superseding the school health
8 requirements established pursuant to KRS 156.160 and administrative
9 regulations promulgated thereunder; or

10 (d) Apply to a school that utilizes federal funds to employ a healthcare provider
11 to provide healthcare services to students.