



## Why Medicaid mental health awareness matters

Thousands of students across Pennsylvania qualify for Medicaid but may not be accessing behavioral health care. Schools are in a unique position to help families connect to services that support emotional well-being, learning, and long-term success.

### What Medicaid covers (HealthChoices Behavioral Health):

- Therapy (individual, group, family)
- Psychiatric care and medication management
- Drug and alcohol treatment services
- Case management
- Crisis intervention
- Peer support
- School-based and community-based services

### Who is eligible:

Students enrolled in Medicaid (Medical Assistance) are eligible for these services at no cost. Magellan administers Behavioral Health Medicaid services in Lehigh and Northampton Counties.

### What schools can do:

- Share awareness letters with families
- Post links on school websites
- Encourage Medicaid enrollment for eligible students
- Refer students in distress to school counselors or partner providers
- Connect with Magellan for training and materials

### Why it works:

Schools that increase awareness see better student engagement, fewer disruptions, and improved academic performance.



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