

Letter to parents in regards to Medicaid Authorization Forms:

Enclosed you will find a Medicaid Consent form and Notification to Access Public Benefits form for your child. The consent form gives the Southeast Area Cooperative permission to bill Medicaid for any services your child may receive at the Irene-Wakonda School District. This would include speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological evaluations, and nursing. The services must be outlined on an IEP to be billed. For example, regular nursing services (if your child gets sick during school and must visit the nurse) are not billable to Medicaid. Only services documented on an IEP are billable to Medicaid.

As the Irene-Wakonda District does not know which children are Medicaid eligible, this form is being sent out on behalf of **all** students in an effort to reach as many Medicaid eligible students as possible. If your child is not Medicaid eligible or does not receive any services at school and is not on an IEP, please **disregard** this form.

If your child is Medicaid eligible and receives services at the school, please fill the consent form out in its entirety. Please make sure to sign and date the form and fill in the doctor's name and your child's Medicaid number. Please return the completed form to your child's school as soon as possible.

Southeast Area Cooperative in Beresford has contracted with the Irene-Wakonda School District to complete the billing process for Medicaid-eligible students. A completed Medicaid consent form is needed for each child whose services will be billed to Medicaid. The Department of Education has ruled that the Medicaid consent forms need only be completed one time, however, the notification form will be sent to you annually.

If your child is not Medicaid eligible at this time but becomes Medicaid eligible at a later date, please contact Irene-Wakonda school to fill out a Medicaid consent form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact David Hutchison at 263-3311.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Hutchison" followed by a long horizontal flourish.

David Hutchison, Superintendent