Notice of Parent/Guardian Rights
Parental Consent to Access Public Benefits (Medicaid)
The Ohio Medicaid School Program

Ohio school districts have the opportunity to receive federal Medicaid dollars through a program called the Ohio Medicaid School Program (MSP). Through this program, school districts can receive Medicaid dollars for therapy services such as Speech, Audiology, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Psychology, Counseling, and Social Work services. In the process of billing Medicaid for these services, billing information must be shared with the Ohio Department of Medicaid. For Medicaid billing purposes, schools must obtain a one-time signed Parental Consent to Share Health Information for the Ohio School Medicaid Program. After this one-time written consent, you will receive an annual notice of this consent.

Schools request this consent for all students who receive therapy services, even students who may not be currently enrolled in Medicaid. Some health information shared is specific to your student, while other information is related to all students within the entire school district. Schools can use this health information to help reduce the costs for services that the district must deliver pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This student specific health information is protected and will be accessed only by people authorized to do so by the school's Medicaid contract.

Your consent is voluntary. You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time (34 CFR Part 99 and Part 300). You are not required to enroll in Medicaid. If your school does bill Medicaid, you will not be required to incur any out-of-pocket expenses such as a deductible or co-pay, decreased lifetime coverage, increased premiums or the discontinuation of benefits, or result in you paying for services.

Regardless of whether you grant consent, refuse consent, or revoke your consent, your child will still be provided with an evaluation and/or the services as identified by the school district at no cost to you.

Please contact **Healthcare Billing Services, Inc.** at **(740) 639-4218** with questions regarding the MSP Parental Consent.