

S.F. No. 1028 – Medical assistance coverage modification (as amended by A-3 amendment)

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Section 1. **Special education services.**

Paragraph (i) Allows school social work services provided by a mental health profession or mental health practitioner to be eligible for medical assistance payment.

Paragraph (j) Allows a special education evaluation, individualized education program, or individual family service plan to be used to determine medical necessity and eligibility for school social work services instead of a diagnostic assessment.

Paragraph (k) Permits a school social worker or school providing mental health services under paragraph (i) without certification to provide children’s therapeutic services and supports.

Paragraph (l) The covered mental health services provided by a school social worker, include, but are not limited to:

- (1) administering and reporting standardized measures;
- (2) care coordination;
- (3) children’s mental health crisis assistance, planning, and response services;
- (4) children’s mental health clinical care consultation;
- (5) dialectical behavioral therapy for adolescents;
- (6) direction of mental health behavioral aids;
- (7) family psychoeducation;
- (8) individual, family, and group psychotherapy;
- (9) mental health behavioral aide services;
- (10) skills and training; and
- (11) treatment plan development and review.

Effective Date: Makes the section effective January 1, 2024, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. Directs the commissioner to notify the Revisor of Statutes when federal approval has been obtained.