



MEDICAID BILLING: CHOOSING AN IFSP “METHOD OF SERVICE.” Direct or indirect?

Language selected for “method” when drafting IFSP from a Medicaid perspective:

- **Direct service:** Direct treatment administered to an individual, when the individual is a Medicaid-eligible student eligible for special education, is typically also known as “Direct” service when developing an IFSP. Be sure to defer to your supervisor’s guidance when drafting IFSP services.
- **Consultation:** Care coordination and integrating services, as referred to within Medicaid regulations may also be known as “Indirect” service when developing an IFSP. Defer to your supervisor’s guidance when drafting IFSP services.

Please consider these two overlapping ways of describing services when drafting IFSP services for students. Use language that meets the expectations of **both** IDEA and Medicaid wherever they overlap or whenever possible.

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