

**PROGRAM GOAL:** Participants receive federal matching funds (reimbursement) for providing health services to Medicaid enrolled Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) students who attend public school. With the expansion of Free Care effective October 1, 2020, eligible other plans of care are reimbursable as well.



**COLORADO**  
School Health Services Program

There are two ways to receive federal reimbursement under the School Health Services (SHS) Program:

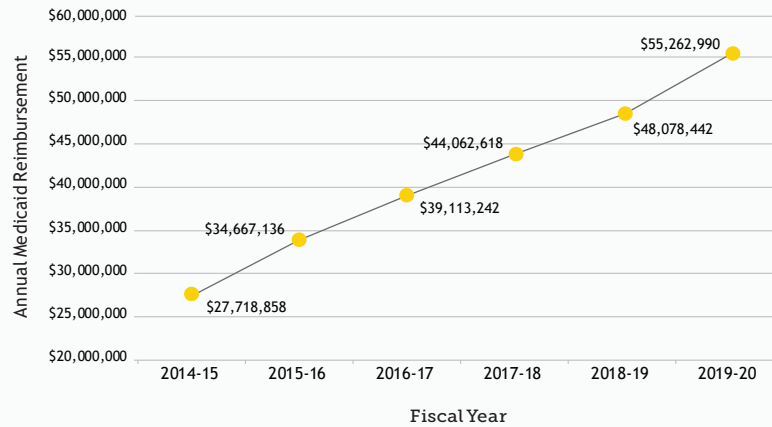
**Direct Service (DS), Free Care, and Specialized Transportation**

**SERVICES INCLUDE:**

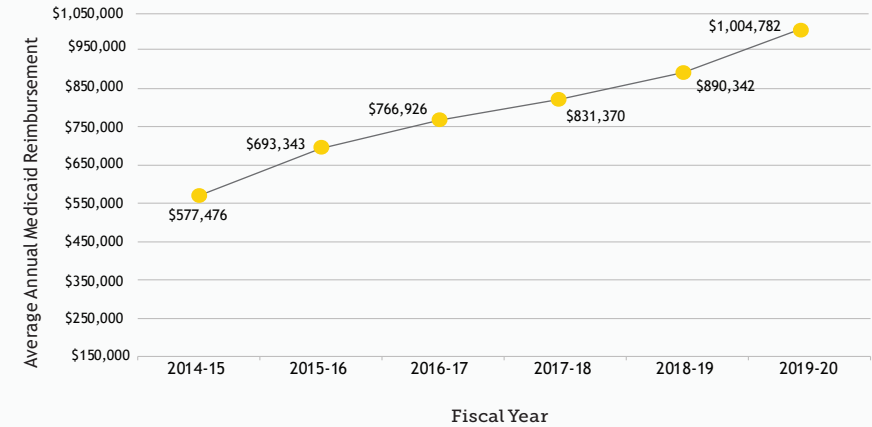
Physician, Speech, Language and Hearing, Nursing, Personal Care, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Psychology/Counseling, Social Work, Case Management, and Specialized Transportation

*Districts must participate in DS and may choose to participate in the remaining service categories*

Annual Medicaid DS, and Specialized Transportation Reimbursement (Federal Share less State Withhold)



Average Annual Medicaid DS, and Specialized Transportation Reimbursement Per Participating School District (Federal Share less State Withhold)



**STATEWIDE IMPACT:** Increased by 99% over the past 6 years | **DISTRICT IMPACT:** Increased by 74% over the past 6 years  
**STATE WITHHOLD:** FY 2008-09 - FY 2012-13 = 10% | FY 2013-14 - FY 2016-17 = 8% | FY 2017-18 - FY 2018-19 = 6% | FY 2019-20 = 2.5%  
*School districts that participate in the SHS program make up 84.17% of the total student population in Colorado.*

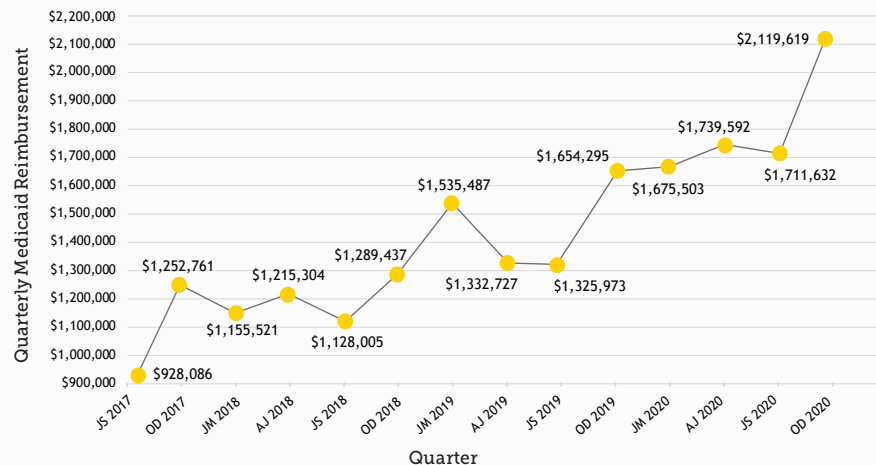
**Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC)**

**SERVICES INCLUDE:**

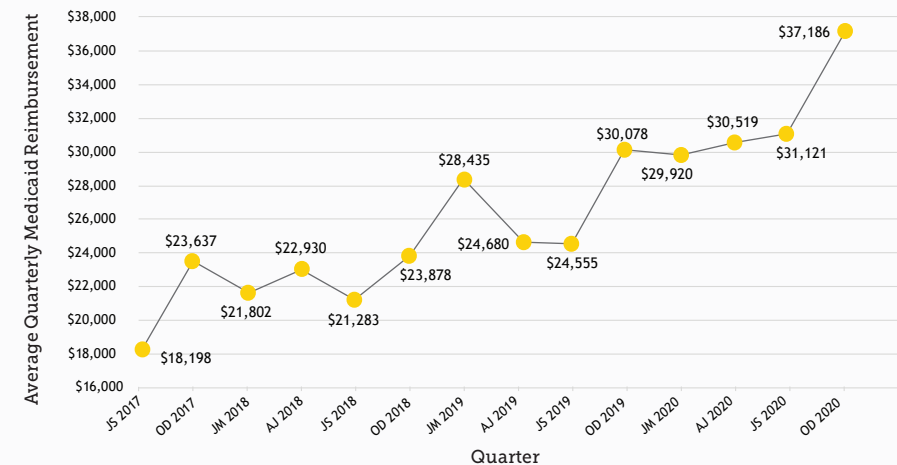
Facilitating Medicaid Outreach and Eligibility Enrollment, Translation Related to Medicaid Services, Medical Program Planning, Policy Development and Interagency Coordination, Medicaid-Related Training & Professional Development, Referral, and Coordination and Monitoring of Medicaid Services

*Districts must participate in DS in order to be eligible for MAC*

Quarterly MAC Reimbursement (Federal Share less State Withhold)



Average Quarterly MAC Reimbursement Per Participating School District (Federal Share less State Withhold)

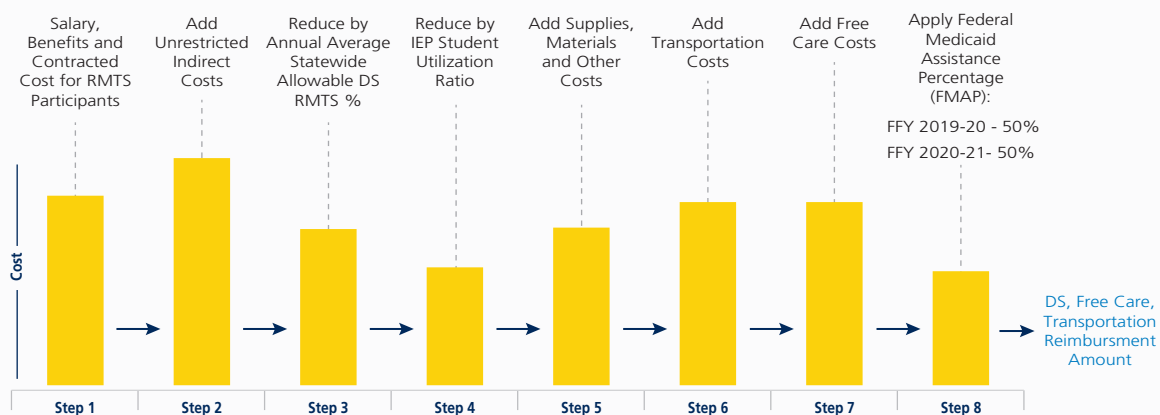


**STATEWIDE IMPACT:** Generated over \$20 million in less than 4 years | **DISTRICT IMPACT:** Reimbursement increase of 104% in less than 4 years  
**STATE WITHHOLD:** JS13-AJ17=8% | JS17-AJ19=6% | JS19-AJ20 = 2.5%  
**KEY:** JS: July-September | OD: October-December | JM: January-March | AJ: April-June

# How Are The District Specific Federal Matching Funds (Reimbursement Amount) Determined?



DS/Free Care/Transportation Reimbursement Methodology



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Any public school district, Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), or state educational institution that serves students in kindergarten through twelfth grade may participate.

## BENEFITS TO PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

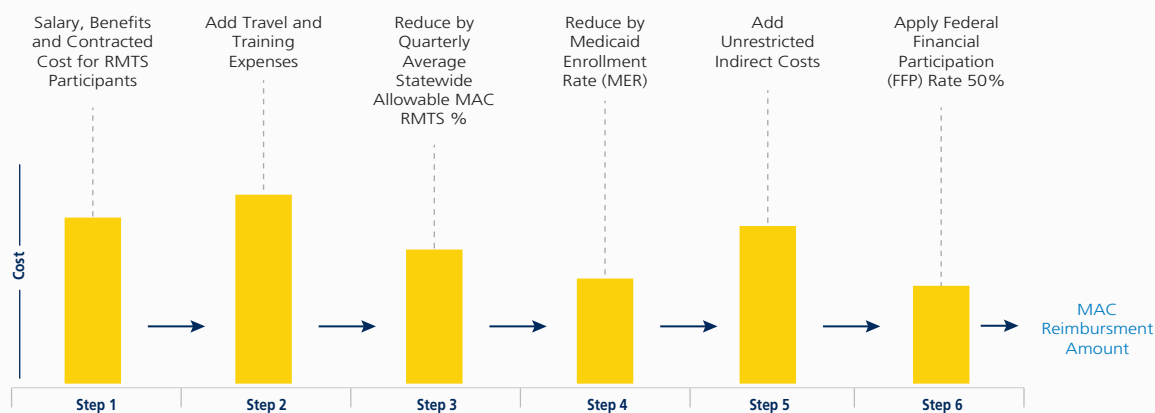
The money generated can be used to fund the district's unmet health needs for all students, as identified in your district's Local Services Plan (LSP). For example, some districts have paid for:

- Enhanced clinic aid or nurse services;
- Dental, vision, and pharmacy vouchers to uninsured/underinsured students;
- Outreach and enrollment assistance to uninsured families;
- Health supplies and equipment; and
- Enhanced physical and mental health services.

## REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

- Have a LSP approved by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE);
- Have a contract with the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing;
- Enroll as a Medicaid provider in the Medical Assistance Program;
- Participate in the Random Moment Time Study (RMTS); and
- File appropriate financial and statistical reports on a quarterly and annual basis.

Total District MAC Reimbursement Methodology



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