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Dear Parents,

This letter is being sent as an update to my February 8, 2019 email regarding the CT School Based Child Health Program.

We have learned that as of July 1, 2018 the Quality Assurance Division at the CT Department of Social Services (DSS) began submitting claims to private insurance companies for services provided to Medicaid eligible students under the School Based Child Health (SBCH) Program. This applies only to students who have supplemental coverage in addition to their Medicaid coverage. This practice, known as Third Party Liability (TPL), is a common practice nationwide and is being completed in part as an effort to recoup funds paid by DSS as Medicaid is “the payer of last resort”.

The Quality Assurance Division is separate from the division that is responsible for oversight of the SBCH program and made this decision without providing advance notification to the Medicaid unit, school districts or third party Medicaid billing vendors.

Now that we have a better understanding of this new process, the district has resumed submitting claims to Medicaid/Husky for those students who are Medicaid eligible with parental consent on file.

Some Key points to keep in mind:

- This information was not shared with Fairfield Public Schools *or* CompuClaim, our third party billing vendor, prior to being implemented in January 2019
- This only pertains to a small portion of our students that have **both** Medicaid/Husky *and* Private Insurance
- Fairfield Public Schools and CompuClaim do not have access to any private insurance information that your child may have – we are only verifying eligibility and submitting claims to Medicaid/Husky under the guidelines of the SBCH Program
- In most instances, private insurance carriers deny reimbursement to the state of CT. As each insurance company has multiple plans chosen by employers, and levels of coverage are different as well as the application of coverage, it is possible that there will be exceptions and claims may be paid.
- Participation in the CT School Based Child Health (SBCH) Program will not decrease your public benefits, impact lifetime coverage or increase your insurance premiums
- There is no financial responsibility on behalf of families for the SBCH Program
- Parents may revoke Medicaid consent allowing the Fairfield Public School to submit eligible claims as part of the CT SBCH program at anytime



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If you receive an explanation of benefits (EOB) from your private insurance company with regard to CT School Based Child Health services and you have questions, please contact or forward the information to Shelley Macaluso, Medicaid School Based Services Coordinator for Fairfield Public Schools at 203-255-8304 or [smacaluso@fairfieldschools.org](mailto:smacaluso@fairfieldschools.org).

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rob Mancusi