

DIVISION OF HEALTH BENEFITS

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL BASED SERVICES LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES (LEA) July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

Reporting Deadline: **March 1, 2028**

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North Carolina Medicaid Services in Schools - List of Eligible Practitioners

Category of Service	CFR Reference	Social Security Act, Section 1905 Reference	Provider Types	Licensure/Certification Authority
Audiology and Hearing Services	42 CFR §440.110(c)(3)	§1905(a)(11), physical therapy and related services	Licensed Audiologist	North Carolina State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Speech Language Services	42 CFR §440.110(c)(1)	§1905(a)(11), physical therapy and related services	Licensed Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) or licensed Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) under the direction of a licensed SLP	North Carolina State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Occupational Therapy	42 CFR §440.110(b)	§1905(a)(11), physical therapy and related services	Licensed Occupational Therapist (OT) or licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) under the direction of a licensed OT	North Carolina Board of Occupational Therapy
Physical Therapy	42 CFR §440.110(a)	§1905(a)(11), physical therapy and related services	Licensed Physical Therapist (PT) or licensed Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) under the direction of a licensed PT	North Carolina Board of Physical Therapy
Behavioral health services	42 CFR § 440.130(c)	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensed Psychologist (LP); Licensed Psychological Associate (LPA)	North Carolina Psychology Board
Behavioral health services			Licensure as a School Psychologist or School Psychologist Intern	North Carolina Department of Public Instruction
Behavioral health services	42 CFR § 410.54	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC); Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)	North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors
Behavioral health services	42 CFR § 410.73	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW); Licensed Clinical Social Worker Associate (LCSWA)	North Carolina Social Work Certification and Licensure Board
Behavioral health services	42 CFR § 410.53	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT); Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate (LMFTA)	North Carolina Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Board
Behavioral health services		§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist (LCAS); Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist Associate (LCASA)	North Carolina Addictions Specialist Professional Practice Board
Behavioral health services	42 CFR § 410.74; 20 CFR § 702.404	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care; §1905(a)(5) Physician services	Licensed Physician Assistant (PA); Medical Doctor (MD); Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO)	North Carolina Medical Board

Behavioral health services	42 CFR § 440.166	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Nurse Practitioner (NP), including Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP)	North Carolina Board of Nursing and the North Carolina Medical Board
Research-Based Behavioral Health Treatment (RB-BHT)		§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensed Behavioral Analyst; Licensed Assistant Behavioral Analyst	Licensed by the North Carolina Behavior Analyst Licensure Board and certified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board
Research-Based Behavioral Health Treatment (RB-BHT)		§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Behavioral Technician	Completed specific competency-based RB-BHT training for persons with ASD that is equivalent to the minimum hour requirements of the lowest level paraprofessional (Technician) as specified by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) or Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board (QABA)
Nursing Services	42 CFR §440.60	§1905(a)(6), medical care, or any other type of remedial care	Licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).	North Carolina Board of Nursing

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL BASED SERVICES COST REPORT

General

Providers shall include a “crosswalk” from the provider’s line item accounts on the Working Trial Balance and Payroll Detail to the Cost Reporting lines on Exhibits 6A-6E, Exhibit 7 and Exhibit 8. The Cost Report will be deemed incomplete without a Crosswalk and no settlement shall be issued without a complete cost report.

For the cost report to be accurate, only fill in the shaded areas of the cost report. Also, please be sure to fill in your signature, title, date and contact number at the bottom of Exhibit 1.

Please include an electronic copy of the completed cost report on a CD along with a printed and signed paper copy.

Cost Report

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Exhibit 2 - Provider Data

Column C, Line 10:	Enter the Provider Name .
Column C, Line 11:	You must enter your Medicaid Provider Number as assigned by the NC Division of Medical Assistance. If the Medicaid Provider Number changed during the cost report period, please provide the prior Medicaid provider number.
Column C, Line 12:	Enter your National Provider Identifier (NPI).
Column C, Line 15:	Enter the County & State .
Column C, Line 17:	Enter the name of the Business Manager/Finance Director .
Column C, Line 19:	Enter the cost report preparer's name . This should be the contact person if there are questions about the cost report.
Column C, Line 21:	Enter the contact phone number for the person who completes the cost report or person in charge of the cost report.
Column C, Line 23:	Enter a contact email address or website .
Column C, Line 25-26:	Enter a contact mailing address .
Column C, Line 27:	Enter the city, state, and zip code . (<i>Ex. Anytown, NC 33333</i>)
Column C, Line 29-30:	Enter a contact street address .
Column C, Line 31:	Enter the city, state, and zip code . (<i>Ex. Anytown, NC 33333</i>)

Cost Report

Line Number	Description
Column C, Line 30:	Enter the Type of Time Study that was conducted. <i>(Ex. Traditional or Random Moment)</i>
Column C, Line 32:	Enter the time period the time study was conducted that was used to complete the cost report.
Column C, Line 35:	Enter the current year's Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate , which must cover the same period of time as the cost report period.
Column C, Line 37:	Enter the name of the Cognizant Agency . <i>(The cognizant agency that determines the Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate is the NC Department of Public Instruction.)</i>
Column C, Line 39:	Enter the Period of Time for which the Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate was approved for. <i>(Ex. 7/1/2026 to 6/30/2027)</i>
Column C, Line 41:	Enter the Date in which the Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate was approved. <i>(Ex. 7/1/2026)</i>
Column E, Lines 10-11:	Enter the beginning and ending dates of the cost report period.
Column G, line 10:	Enter the date of the cost report submission.

Exhibit 1 - Final Certification Statement

Except for Sections 3 and 4a, each of the sections' information below will automatically fill in from other pages as they are completed.

1. The **Government Agency Name** and the **Mailing Address** field will automatically fill in after **Exhibit 2** has been completed. Verify the information is correct in Section 1.
2. The **Reporting Period** field will automatically fill in after **Exhibit 2** has been completed. Verify the information is correct in Section 2.
3. Enter your **Federal Employer ID Number** in Column L, Line 15.
- 4a. Indicate **Type of Report** by entering an "X" in the appropriate box.
- 4b. The **Cost by Component** field automatically fills in from **Exhibit 9**.

Signature and date of the authorized official of the LEA as either the Superintendent or the Chief Financial Officer as to the Certification of the cost report.

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Exhibit 3 - Allocation Statistics

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| Line 16: | Enter the total number of Medicaid students covered. |
| Line 17: | Enter the total number of students in the district during the applicable period. |
| Line 18: | Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated. The percentage calculated will carry over to Exhibit 4B. |
| Line 23: | Enter the total number of Medicaid Individualized Education Program (IEP) students . |
| Line 24: | Enter the Total number of IEP Students . |
| Line 25: | The percentage calculated will carry over to Exhibits 4A and 4C. |

Exhibit 4A - Summary of Cost by Discipline for IEP Medical Services

Do not enter any information on this spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will automatically populate when Exhibits 2, 3, 5, 6B, 6D and 6E are completed.

Exhibit 4A - Summary of Cost by Discipline for 504 / BIP / IHP / Other Plan of Care Medical Services

Do not enter any information on this spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will automatically populate when Exhibits 2, 3, 5, 6B, 6D and 6E are completed.

Exhibit 4B - Summary of Cost by Discipline for Administrative Activities

Do not enter any information on this spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will automatically populate when Exhibits 2, 3, 5, 6B, 6D and 8 are completed.

Exhibit 4C - Summary of Other Non-Personnel Direct Medical Cost

Do not enter any information on this spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will automatically populate when Exhibits 2, 3 and 7 are completed.

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Exhibit 5 - Time Study Results

Column E: Enter the **percentages calculated** from the completed time study for each field.
Enter the percentage in decimal form. (Ex. If the percentage from the time study for Direct Medical Services Covered is 23.57%, enter .2357 in Column E)

**The percentage calculated in cell G33 will carry to Exhibit 4A – Summary of Cost by Discipline for IEP Medical Services.*

**The percentage calculated in cell H33 will carry to Exhibit 4A – Summary of Cost by Discipline for 504 / BIP / IHP / Other Plan of Care Medical Services.*

**The percentage calculated in cell K33 will carry to Exhibit 4B*

Be sure to enter the Time Study Results for the Time Study that the LEA participated in for audit period, 07/01/2026 – 06/30/2027.

Exhibit 6A & 6B - Direct Cost by Discipline

General Instructions: For each type of service, enter all the required information as you move across the rows. The total Adjusted Salary & Benefits and Vendor Payments for each discipline will carry to Exhibits 4A and 4B.

Step 1: Enter provider Accrual Trial Balance totals along the top line of each discipline.

Column G, Line 11: Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Speech Language Services.

Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 11: Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Speech Language Services Therapy.

Column G, Line 23: Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Occupational Therapy.

Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 23: Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Occupational Therapy.

Column G, Line 35: Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Audiology and Hearing Services.

Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 35: Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Audiology and Hearing Services.

Column G, Line 47: Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Physical Therapy.

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Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 47: Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Physical Therapy.

Column G, Line 59: Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Behavioral Health Services.

Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 59: Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Behavioral Health Services.

Step 2: Enter amounts to be removed. If there are adjustments or reductions required due to positions which are fully or partially funded by federal funds or which are required to remove non allowable Medicaid expenses, complete the following.

Column B: Enter the vendor's/employee's **Position Number or Employee ID**.

Column C: Enter the vendor's/employee's **last name**.

Column D: Enter the vendor's/employee's **first name**.

Column E: Enter the vendor's/employee's **job title**.

Column F: Enter who performed the services. *(Enter either Vendor or Employee)*

Column G: Enter employee's **total gross salary**.

Column H: Enter whether or not the vendor's/employee's salary is **fully funded** by a Federal grant payment(s). *(Enter either Yes or No)* **Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services. This amount will automatically calculate column I.**

Column I: **Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.**

Column J: Enter whether or not the vendor's/employee's salary is **partially funded** by a Federal grant payment(s). *(Enter either Yes or No)* **Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services.**

Column K: Enter the amount of **Federally Funded salary** (employees only)

Column L: Enter the amount of **State Matched salary** (employees only).

Column M: Enter any other **reductions to the total gross salary** (employees only)

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Column N:	Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.
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Column O:	Enter the amount of the employee benefits paid to the employee.
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Column P:	Enter the amount of the employee FICA tax paid (if not covered under employee benefits).
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Column Q:	Enter the amount of the employee Medicare tax paid (if not listed under employee benefits).
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Column R:	Enter the amount of Federally Funded Vendor/Contractor payments .
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Column S:	Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.
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Exhibit 6C & 6D - Direct Cost by Discipline - Continuation

General Instructions: For each type of service, enter all the required information as you move across the rows. The total Adjusted Salary & Benefits and Vendor Payments for each discipline will carry to Exhibits 4A and 4B.

Step 1: Enter provider Accrual Trial Balance totals along the top line of each discipline.

Column G, Line 11:	Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Nursing Services (RN Services).
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Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 11:	Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Nursing Services (RN Services).
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Column G, Line 29:	Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Nursing Services (LPN Services).
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Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 29:	Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Nursing Services (LPN Services).
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Column G, Line 46:	Enter gross salary from provider's trial balance for Research-Based Behavioral Health Treatment.
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Columns O, P, Q, R, Line 46:	Enter employee benefits / contractor payments from provider's trial balance for Research-Based Behavioral Health Treatment.
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Step 2: Enter amounts to be removed. If there are adjustments or reductions required due to positions which are fully or partially funded by federal funds or which are required to remove non allowable Medicaid expenses, complete the following.

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| Column B: | Enter the vendor's/employee's Position Number or Employee ID. |
| Column C: | Enter the vendor's/employee's last name. |
| Column D: | Enter the vendor's/employee's first name. |
| Column E: | Enter the vendor's/employee's job title. |
| Column F: | Enter who performed the services. <i>(Enter either Vendor or Employee)</i> |
| Column G: | Enter the employee's total gross salary. |
| Column H: | Enter whether or not the vendor/employee is fully funded by a Federal grant. <i>(Enter either Yes or No)</i> Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services. This amount will automatically calculate column I. |
| Column I: | Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated. |
| Column J: | Enter whether or not the vendor/employee is partially funded by a Federal Funds. <i>(Enter either Yes or No)</i> Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services. |
| Column K: | Enter the amount of Federally Funded salary (employees only) |
| Column L: | Enter the amount of State Matched salary (employees only) |
| Column M: | Enter any other reductions to the total gross salary (employees only). |
| Column N: | Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated. |
| Column O: | Enter the amount of the employee benefits paid to the employee. |
| Column P: | Enter the amount of the employee FICA tax paid (if not covered under employee benefits). |
| Column Q: | Enter the amount of the employee Medicare tax paid (if not listed under employee benefits). |
| Column R: | Enter the amount of Federally Funded Vendor/Contractor payments. |
| Column S: | Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated. |

Exhibit 6E - Direct Cost by Discipline – 100% Direct Medical Service Contractors

General Instructions: For each type of service, enter all the required information as you move across the rows. The total Net Vendor Payment for each discipline will carry to Exhibits 4A and 4B.

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Please include your LEA reconciliation schedule to your General Ledger Working Trial Balance which shows the chart of account codes and amounts to reconcile the cost report cost to the GL or Working Trial Balance. The Crosswalk should also include Sources of funding (State, Local, and Federal) to support the Payroll cost and employee benefits, specifically Federal Funds received directly or as pass through funding.

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Exhibit 7 - Other Non-Personnel Direct Medical Cost

General Instructions: For each type of service, enter all the required information as you move across the rows. The Adjusted Trial Balance totals will carry to Exhibit 4C.

Step 1: Enter provider Accrual Trial Balance totals along the top line of each cost center.

Column F, Line 12: Enter total for Direct Medical Supplies, Materials, and Other Costs from provider’s trial balance.

Column F, Line 22: Enter total for Direct Medical Equipment from provider’s trial balance.

Step 2: Enter amounts to be removed. If there are adjustments or reductions required due to costs which are fully or partially funded by federal funds or which are required to remove non allowable Medicaid expenses, complete the following.

Column B: Enter the **trial balance account number**.

Column C: Enter the **trial balance account description**.

Column F: Enter the **trial balance amount**.

Column G: Enter whether or not the cost is **fully funded** by a Federal grant payment(s) (*Enter either Yes or No*). **Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal**

grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services. This amount will automatically calculate column H.

Column H: **Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.**

Column I: Enter whether or not the cost is **partially funded** by a Federal grant payment(s). (*Enter either Yes or No.*) **Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services.**

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Column J: Enter the amount of **Federally Funded cost.**

Column K: Enter the amount of **State Matched cost.**

Column L: Enter any other **reductions to the trial balance.**

Column M: **Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.**

Exhibit 8 - Other Cost for Medicaid Administrative Claiming Plan Activities

General Instructions: For each type of service, enter all the required information as you move across the rows. The Adjusted Trial Balance totals will carry to Exhibit 4B.

Step 1: Enter provider Accrual Trial Balance totals along the top line of each cost center.

Column F, Line 12: Enter total for Medicaid Administrative Claiming costs from provider's trial balance.

Step 2: Enter amounts to be removed. If there are adjustments or reductions required due to costs which are fully or partially funded by federal funds or which are required to remove non allowable Medicaid expenses, complete the following.

Column B: Enter the **trial balance account number.**

Column C: Enter the **trial balance account description.**

Column F: Enter the **trial balance amount.**

Column G: Enter whether or not the cost is **fully funded** by a Federal grant payment(s). (*Enter either Yes or No*) **Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services. This amount will automatically calculate column H.**

Column H: **Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.**

Column I: Enter whether or not the cost is **partially funded** by a Federal grant payment(s). **Enter Yes or No) Total direct costs for direct medical services are reduced by any federal grant payments with a matching requirement resulting in adjusted direct costs for direct medical services.**

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Column J: Enter the amount of **Federally Funded cost.**

Column K: Enter the amount of **State Matched cost.**

Column L: Enter any other **reductions to the trial balance.**

Column M: **Do not enter information into this column, this column is automatically calculated.**

Exhibit 9 - Reconciliation and Settlement

Column G, Spreadsheet Line 19: Enter the **Total Medical Claims paid.**

If a participating provider submits interim claims for services provided, but does not complete the required cost report, the LEA must refund all interim payments received.

When providers file a cost report indicating that an overpayment has occurred, **FULL REFUND** is to be remitted with the report to DHHS Accounts Receivable – NC Medicaid. All refunds should be mailed under separate cover to:

Send Via US Mail To:

DHHS – Controller’s Office
Accounts Receivable - NC Medicaid
2022 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2022

***Make checks payable to:
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