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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEDICAID CONSENT FORM

WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO SIGN THIS CONSENT FORM?

The Yonkers Board of Education (BOE) uses Medicaid funding to help meet some of the costs of providing special education services to students. With your consent, the Yonkers BOE can submit claims for evaluations and services that are provided to your child. You are not required to sign up for Medicaid in order for your child to receive the services on his/her IEP.

WHAT INFORMATION ABOUT MY CHILD WILL BE PROVIDED TO STATE AND FEDERAL MEDICAID PROGRAMS?

The Yonkers BOE will provide personally identifiable information about the special education evaluations and services provided to your child. This information may include the IEP, progress notes, attendance records, evaluations, and other records and information about evaluations and services provided to your child.

IS THERE ANY COST TO ME OR TO MY FAMILY?

There is no cost to you or your family. You will not be required to incur any expenses, premiums, costs or co-payments for the provision of these services. The services that are provided to your child in and outside of school will not be affected in any way. If your family receives Medicaid benefits, your coverage will not be canceled, the lifetime coverage in place will not decrease and services that your family receives will not be affected in any way by the accessing of Medicaid benefits. You will not be required to sign up for or enroll in Medicaid for your child to receive the services on his/her IEP. You will not risk the loss of eligibility for home and community based waivers, if any, that are based on your total health-related expenditures.

CAN I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT ALLOWING THE YONKERS BOE TO ACCESS MY CHILD'S INFORMATION AND SUBMIT CLAIMS TO THE MEDICAID PROGRAM? WHAT IF I DO NOT PROVIDE MY CONSENT?

You may change your mind about this consent at any time. To change your decision, complete a new form and send it to your child's school. The Yonkers BOE must still provide special education and services to your child at no cost to you even if you do not consent or you withdraw your consent at a later date.