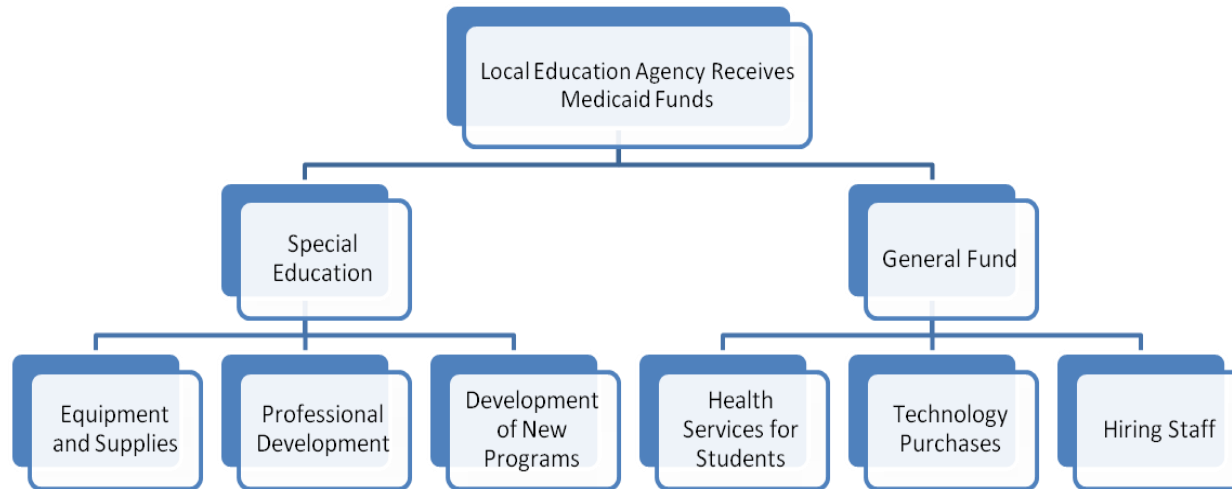


Local Education Agency Use of Medicaid Funds

Each Local Education Agency, or school district, that participates in Medicaid billing and receives revenue, allocates funding in a different way. The chart below provides examples of ways in which Medicaid funds may be used. Because some states or local school boards place restrictions on how local education agencies may use Medicaid revenue, school speech-language pathologists (SLPs) and audiologists should contact their state education, Medicaid agency, and local school board for clarification.



Advocating for Change

School SLPs and audiologists who want Medicaid funds to be used differently can advocate for change at the local and state level. The steps below will help you get started.

1. Understand the state and local requirements for use of Medicaid funds. All Medicaid revenue received is placed into the school budget and allocated as per state and/or local policy. Some states have specific requirements for how a local district must use funds.
2. Identify other stakeholders to collaborate on the request (e.g., state association, state agency staff, local teachers group).
3. If there is no state or local requirement that conflicts with your request, meet with local administrators to discuss your request. Be prepared and bring data to support your request (e.g., amount of funds billed by department, cost of professional development requested)
4. If there is a state or local requirement that conflicts with your request, learn about the process to change the requirement. Some changes in procedures can be made quickly, while change in legislation may require more time.