

MaineCare Seed



The things you need to know....

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What is MaineCare Seed?

When MaineCare pays a school based claim in accordance with an Individual Education Plan (IEP), approximately 62% of that claim is paid by the Federal government; the other 38% is considered a State match which the Department refers to as Seed.

MaineCare Seed is an expenditure and should be accounted for quarterly.

Who is responsible for MaineCare Seed?

School Administrative Units (SAUs) and Child Development Services (CDS) are responsible for Seed on all MaineCare services provided in a school setting in accordance with a student's IEP/IFSP.

If the student receiving MaineCare services is the responsibility of the SAU or CDS, the Seed is the responsibility of that SAU/CDS as well; regardless of where the student is being educated.

How do School Administrative Units pay Seed?

The Department of Education provides funds on behalf of SAUs and Child Development Services (CDS) to The Department of Health & Human Services for anticipated Seed each year.

Seed is assessed quarterly, and each SAU and CDS is required to review student claims that are determined by the Department to be their responsibility. Once the review timeline expires, the SAU's subsidy is adjusted by the Seed amount for that quarter.

Quarterly MaineCare Reports

The quarterly MaineCare reports are determined by the date MaineCare pays a claim.

- Q1 represents all claims MaineCare paid in July, August and September.
- Q2 represents all claims MaineCare paid in October, November and December.
- Q3 represents all claims MaineCare paid in January, February and March.
- Q4 represents all claims MaineCare paid in April, May and June.

Maine DOE Quarterly Adjustment Schedule

The Department has established a schedule to recover Seed through an adjustment to the ED 279.

July adjustment to ED 279 for Q3 (previous year) claims.

October adjustment to ED 279 for Q4 (previous year) claims.

January adjustment to ED 279 for Q1 (current year) claims.

April adjustment to ED 279 for Q2 (current year) claims.

There are two different MaineCare reports

- Public – Services that are rendered at a public school.
- Private – Services that are rendered at a private school or by a private entity.

When reviewing MaineCare reports, ask yourself these questions

Is the student the SAU/CDS responsibility at the time of the service?

Is the service in the student's IEP/IFSP?

Are the hours of service appropriate?

Disputing Claims

- Sometimes it is necessary to dispute a claim and the reasons may vary.
- If you believe that a claim on your MaineCare report is not the SAU's responsibility, an email to Denise.Towers@maine.gov would be required with the following information.

Please include the following in an email to dispute a claim

- The quarterly report the claim is on
- Is it the public report or private report
- State Student ID
- Dates of Service that is being disputed
- Seed amount
- Reason for dispute

Maine DOE

MaineCare Seed payment webpage

- This webpage is helpful to review the process of Seed and prior communications.
- There is also a spreadsheet showing quarterly adjustments to the ED 279.

Cumulative MaineCare Seed Adjustments Spreadsheet

Linked below is the cumulative MaineCare Seed Adjustments posted on the ED279 by school administrative unit.

- [FY 2025](#)

Private & Public Quarterly Summary by SAU



2024-25 MaineCare Seed Adjustments - Private											
										MaineCare	
Negative means take subsidy away										Seed Adj	
Positive means put back subsidy										Private	
										Adjustment	
										Insufficient	
										Subsidy	
										ED 279	
ORG_ID	UNIX	AOS	SAUs	Adjustment	Adjustment	Adjustment	Adjustments	Invoiced	Section 5.8) 10]		
				Prior Year	Q324	Q 424	Q125	Q225			
1761			Acadia Academy		(\$56743.10)	(\$59492.78)	(\$39737.00)	(\$46369.28)			(202342.16)
002	002		Acton		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
1038	908	881	Airline CSD		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
004	005	877	Alexander		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
1734	012		Andover		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
009	014		Appleton		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
1629	018		Athens Public Schools		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
014	020		Auburn		(\$419213.75)	(\$498790.79)	(\$424716.81)	(\$806970.88)			(1949692.23)
028	021		Augusta		(\$128198.86)	(\$158903.53)	(\$118997.53)	(\$154877.07)			(558976.99)
038	024	890	Baileyville		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
042	027		Bangor		(\$12519.85)	(\$12726.39)	(\$16647.57)	(\$29247.97)			(71141.78)
053	028	891	Bar Harbor		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
547	493	877	Baring PIL		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00
1630			Baxter Academy		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			0.00



MaineCare Issues???



Seed is not being assessed??

Some contract provider claims are not being assessed Seed. If you have a contracted provider and you are not seeing their services on the Seed report, please email me at Denise.towers@maine.gov and cc Trista.Collin@maine.gov on the email.

Exceptions to Seed.....

All school based services performed according to an IEP/IFSP and reimbursed by MaineCare are Seedable. However, at this time, transportation and nursing services are not being assessed Seed but it is anticipated that Seed will be assessed in the future.

MaineCare in Education: School-Based Services

<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/provider/school.html>

- **This is the MaineCare webpage for School-Based Services**
- **This is where you will find the MaineCare billing guide.**

Questions?

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