

# **Elevating School- Based Medicaid Under H.558**

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**Vermont Agency of Education**

# Current Funding Flow: 16 V.S.A. § 2959 (a)

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Of the eligible federal reimbursement:

- **50%:** Districts receive directly via grants
- **30% (up to):** State-level administration of statewide programs
  - shared between AHS and AOE
  - remaining funds are deposited into the Education Fund
- **20% (at least):** Education Fund

# H.558: Updates in Title 16

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- Special Fund administration transitions from AOE to AHS
- LEA reimbursement increases from 50% → 55%
- State-level reimbursement decreases from 30% → 25%
- Removal of obsolete requirements designed for a claims-based model
  - Incentive payment
  - Mandatory State Placed Students billing
- LEA use of funds and reporting requirements changed to AOE rulemaking authority

# AOE Implementation Priorities

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- Coordinating as the State of Vermont to provide consistent guidance to districts
- Supporting transition to the new payment model and Electronic Health Record system
  - Continuity of Operations
  - Supporting AHS's monthly communications plan
  - Bridge between AHS and the districts
- Serving as the subject matter experts on Education Policy related questions
- Strengthening oversight of the reinvestment processes
  - Timely rulemaking
  - Partnering with VDH for school-based public health reinvestments
  - Data-informed decision making

# Reinvestment Framework: State and Local Levels

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## AOE Statewide Programs Funding Priorities (25%)

- AOE is in the process of reviewing how it uses state-level funds with an aim towards prioritizing statewide efforts towards prevention and intervention
- Establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with AHS

## Oversight of LEA-Level Reinvestment Programs (55%)

- Use of funds directed by AOE Rulemaking
- Establish annual reinvestment planning processes at the LEA
- Alignment of programs with student health, educational outcomes and district Continuous Improvement Plans
- Tracking and improving quality of reinvestment prevention and intervention programs

# Reinvestment to Support Student Outcomes

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AOE will provide clear guidance to LEAs through rulemaking authority.

- Coordinating reinvestment planning with AHS / Vermont Department of Health and LEAs
  - Combine MAC Reinvestment and SBHS Reinvestment processes
  - Supporting LEA reinvestment planning committees
- Strengthening quality of district reinvestment plans and reporting
  - Encouraging all LEAs to spend their funds and design quality reinvestment programs
- Aligning LEA-level reinvestments with district Continuous Improvement Plans
- Linking reinvestment to measurable student outcomes

# Questions?

- Email Policy and Communications Team at [AOE.Communication@vermont.gov](mailto:AOE.Communication@vermont.gov).