

# Ohio's Healthy Students Profile

**Each Child, Our Future** — Ohio's shared strategic plan for education — recognizes that *whole child* needs are foundational for a successful journey from prekindergarten through grade 12 and beyond. Students' mental and physical health have long been acknowledged by both educators and researchers as an important factor in positive school experiences and academic success.

Now, the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Medicaid are partnering to offer Ohio schools and districts a new information resource describing health care interactions, health conditions and educational indicators for Medicaid-participating students.

## What is the purpose of the Healthy Students Profile?

Ohio's Healthy Students Profile — to be sent directly to district and community school superintendents in early February 2020 — can be used to start conversations about student health and wellness with staff, students, families and communities.

The profile brings clarity to the types and prevalence of health care issues faced by students in a school or district, based on the aggregation of Medicaid claims data. The profiles are for informational purposes only and will contribute to local decision-making in several ways, including:

- Planning for [Continuous Improvement](#);
- Targeting the usage of [Student Wellness and Success Funding](#), [prevention education funds](#) and other federal funds;
- Implementing tiered supports for [Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports](#) activities; and
- Exploring options for [School-Based Health Care](#).

## What is contained in the profiles?

Each profile contains the following sections with state comparison points provided for context:

- The **Health Care Interactions** section presents a picture of whether students are receiving regular health care checkups that prevent or address common conditions that are impediments to attendance and learning.
- The **Health Conditions** section pertains to active diagnoses for a selection of high-incidence health conditions that can manifest in educational challenges for both students and teachers.
- The **Education Indicators** section provides baseline data a school might monitor if health-related initiatives are implemented, recognizing the link between health and education outcomes.
- The **District Health Staff** section presents data on the districtwide staff positions that may be responsible for identifying and addressing physical and mental health issues of students.

To protect student privacy, health-related measures are reported only for schools with at least 30 Medicaid-participating students, and district-level profiles include rates only. Measures are based on existing data collected and aggregated by the Department of Medicaid, with no individual health care data ever handled by the Department of Education. Due to the lag in claims reporting, the 2020 profile is based on school year 2017-2018.

If you have questions about the Ohio Healthy Students Profiles, please send an email to [WholeChild@education.ohio.gov](mailto:WholeChild@education.ohio.gov).