

Medicaid Claims for School Services in New York

The following report details the total amount of Medicaid claims paid by the federal government for school services to New York from September 1993-December 2000.

Please note: The federal government's Medicaid program reimburses school services for special needs students such as those needing speech therapy, physical therapy and special transportation. The Administration's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has completed an audit of speech services (which only make up a portion of the numbers below). The numbers below represent overall Medicaid money for each region's school services from September 1993 to December 2000 and are provided to demonstrate the extent to which New York schools rely on Medicaid. The specific data on individual claim categories, such as speech therapy, is not available.

Capital Region – \$84 million

In the Capital Region (Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady, Schoharie, Columbia, Greene, Saratoga, Warren, Montgomery and Fulton counties), there were \$84 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services. **Albany** made claims for approximately \$14.8 million from 1993 to 2000; **Schenectady** for almost \$5 million; **Troy** for more than \$3.8 million; **Cohoes City** for almost \$2.2 million; **South Colonie** for more than \$1.8 million; **North Colonie** for almost \$964,000; **Guilderland** for almost \$1.4 million; **Bethlehem** for almost \$567,000; **Watervliet City** for more than \$1 million; **Lansingburgh** for almost \$2.6 million; **Rensselaer City** for almost \$1.2 million; **East Greenbush** for almost \$1.6 million; **Middleburg** for almost \$548,000; **Hudson City** for more than \$3.4 million; **Catskill** for almost \$1.1 million; **Saratoga Springs** for almost \$3.4 million; **Shenendehowa** for almost \$1.5 million; **Glens Falls City** for more than \$1.9 million; **Amsterdam City** for more than \$5.1 million; **Niskayuna** for more than \$989,000; and **Gloversville** for almost \$2.9 million.

Hudson Valley – \$61.9 million

In the Hudson Valley (Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Sullivan and Orange counties), there were \$61.9 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services. **Yonkers** made claims for approximately \$6 million from 1993 to 2000; **Mt. Vernon** for more than \$3.1 million;

East Ramapo for almost \$2.2 million; **Middletown** for almost \$4.1 million; **Newburgh** for more than \$2.7 million; **Poughkeepsie** for almost \$2.9 million; **Kingston** for almost \$2.2 million; **Monticello** for more than \$2.2 million; and **Lakeland** for more than \$2.1 million.

Mohawk Valley – \$39.2 million

In the Mohawk Valley (Oneida, Madison, Herkimer, Montgomery and Fulton counties), there were \$39.2 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services. Utica made claims for more than \$9.7 million from 1993 to 2000; **Rome** for almost \$3.1 million; **Ilion** for almost \$1.2 million; **Little Falls** for almost \$571,000; **Canastota** for more than \$968,000; **Amsterdam** for more than \$5.1 million; and **Gloversville** for almost \$2.9 million.

North Country – \$40.1 million

In the North Country (Essex, Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Lewis, Jefferson, Hamilton and Washington counties), there were \$40.1 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services. **Plattsburgh** made claims for almost \$2.9 million from 1993 to 2000; **Malone** for almost \$2.1 million; **Hudson Falls** for more than \$2 million; **Massena** for almost \$1.7 million; **Saranac** for almost \$1.6 million; **Ogdensburg** for more than \$879,000; **Ticonderoga** for more than \$643,000; **Watertown** for more than \$2.7 million; and **Lowville** for more than \$772,000.

Rochester Area– \$61 million

In Monroe County, as much as \$61 million in federal Medicaid claims were made for school services. **Rochester** made claims for approximately \$47 million from 1993 to 2000; **East Irondequoit** for \$1.3 million; **Greece** for more than \$3.4 million; **Rush-Henrietta** for more than \$1.8 million; **Gates-Chili** for more than \$1.3 million; and **Webster** for almost \$1.2 million.

Southern Tier – \$49.2 million

In the Southern Tier (Broome, Delaware, Otsego, Chenango, Tioga, Chemung, Steuben and Allegany counties), there were \$49.2 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services. **Elmira** made claims for approximately \$10 million from 1993 to 2000; **Binghamton** for more than \$4.2 million; **Norwich** for more than \$2.2 million; **Oneonta** for more than \$726,000; **Walton** for almost \$567,000; **Owego** for almost \$520,000; **Wayland-Cohocton** for almost \$891,000; **Johnson City** for more than \$1.5 million; **Corning City** for almost \$2.1 million; **Hornell City** for almost \$2.2 million; and **Cuba-Rushford** for about \$608,000.

Syracuse Area– \$47 million

In Onondaga County, there were as many as \$47 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services. **Syracuse** made claims for approximately \$30.3 million from 1993 to 2000; **North Syracuse** for almost \$5.4 million; **Liverpool** for almost \$4.3 million; **West Genesee** for about \$856,000; **Jamesville-Dewitt** for about \$483,000; **Westhill** for about \$502,000; **Onondaga** for about \$153,000; **Fayetteville-Manlius** for almost \$207,000; **East Syracuse-Minoa** for almost \$760,000; **Baldwinsville** for more than \$811,000; and **Jorden-Elbridge** for about \$831,000.

Western New York – \$119 million

In Western New York, as much as \$119 million in federal Medicaid claims for school services.

According to the New York State Education Department, **Buffalo** made claims for about \$50 million from 1993 to 2000; **Niagara Falls** has for \$6 million; **Jamestown** has for close to \$4 million; **Olean** for almost \$3.5 million; **Dunkirk** for almost \$2.5 million; and **Lockport** for almost \$2.8 million.