

Funding for Public School Nurses

While bridging health and education, school nursing can sometimes feel like it doesn't fit solidly in either. Funding for school nursing comes from a variety of sources, with 56.0% of public school nurses (RN/LVN/LPN) surveyed reporting that they weren't sure where the funding for their role came from. Of those that responded, the majority were funded by the education sector. Other funding for school nurses include the health department, local organizations, federal and state organizations.

Medicaid Funding in the Education Sector

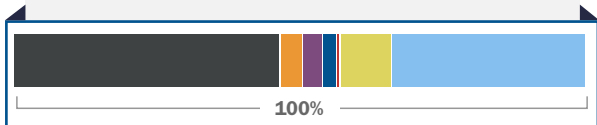


42.3%

of respondents reported their buildings **billed for Medicaid.**

Medicaid offers a potential sustainable revenue stream to pay for school nurses as schools may bill for certain services performed by school nurses for Medicaid-eligible students (requirements and reimbursable services vary by state).

Sources of Funding for Public School Nurses:



- Department of Education Only: **41.9%**
- Health Department Only: **5.3%**
- Grants Only: **3.5%**
- Special Education funds only: **2.8%**
- Medicaid Only: **0.2%**
- Other: **14.8%**
- Multiple Sources: **31.4%**

[NOTE: numbers below show percentages of various entities within multiple sources]

- Department of Education: **63.6%**
- Medicaid: **11.5%**
- Special education funds: **13.9%**
- Health Department: **11.5%**
- Grants: **18.5%**
- Other: **30.7%**

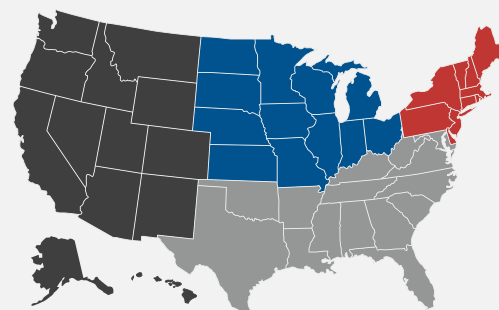
Funding for school nurses is often blended through several sources. Respondents were allowed to select multiple responses; therefore, summed percentages are greater than 100%.

The percentage of schools that bill for Medicaid reimbursements differ by urbanicity and region of the country.

Urban
45.7%

Rural
34.6%

Billing for Medicaid by Region



West: **47.3%**

Midwest: **45.4%**

Northeast: **31.8%**

South: **43.2%**