

Medicaid revenue in the schools plays a key role in the many different responsibilities I hold at the Little Falls Community Schools. As a coordinator and Social Worker any additional information I can gain from other state policies and my national colleges is extremely important to me.

As a coordinator I am directly responsible for all Medicaid funds that are generated at my district. I also manage and submit all state and federal Special Education expenditures to the Minnesota Department of Education; this includes all expenditures paid with Medicaid funds. In addition, I am the Early Childhood Special Education Social worker for the district. This unique blend of disciplines gives me a very unique perspective and understanding of the values Medicaid has in education.

Within my role of Coordinator I have an understanding of how Medicaid funds are used and how that then affects our state and aid. It would be beneficial to me to understand how other states are utilizing Medicaid funds without sacrificing state or federal aid. Moreover, what is necessary at a national level, what are the billing processes along with the required documentation for billing would be extremely helpful to me in my role as social worker.

I am a current member of Minnesota's state networking group and previously facilitated our regional meetings. My current role at our regional meetings is to provide information to our local districts as to what is happening at the state level. Presently, we do not have a representative at the local level that has any insights of Medicaid and Education at a national level. I feel this would be not only valuable to myself, but to my regional districts as well.

Thank you for considering my application for the 2016 Anysia Drumheller Memorial Scholarship. You may contact me at 320-632-2003 or 218-820-9123.

Sincerely,
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