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## **Why does Magnolia Health require an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for therapy services?**

### **1: To Satisfy the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part 300, Subpart D, Section 300.321 - 300.324**

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B requires children ages 3-21 to be evaluated and/or treated in a school-based setting when a developmental delay or impairment impacts the child's ability to access the general education environment.

### **2: To Satisfy Mississippi Medicaid Administrative Code Part 213; Rule 1.3H & Mississippi Administrative Code Part 223 EPSDT services; Rule 1.7B**

All students who are eligible for special education services in Mississippi are required to have an IEP which is a legally binding document. Mississippi Medicaid Administrative Code states in Part 213 Therapy Services Rule 1.3H that there should be no duplication of services. It also states in Part 223 EPSDT Services Rule 1.7B that there must be no other equally effective, more conservative, or substantially less costly course of treatment available or suitable for the client receiving services.

### **3: To Satisfy our Corporate Policy**

Since our inception, Magnolia Health Plan has required a copy of the child's IEP (with annual updates) as our tool to document school based services. This allows us to fulfill our legal obligations while at the same time ensuring our members receive the most appropriate care in the right setting that they deserve. It also protects our providers from inadvertently duplicating services and allegations of fraud.

**To give our members the right care, at the right time, at the right place.**



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