

# Expanded School Health Services

When you hear the term **Free Care**, think **expanded school health services**

## What are Expanded School Health Services?

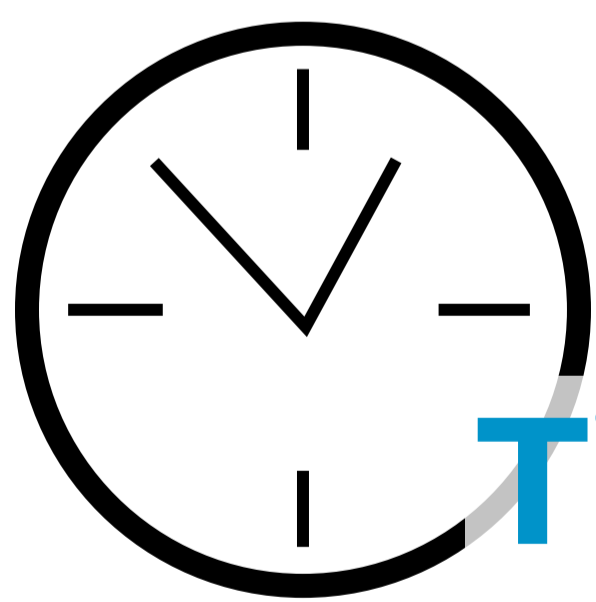
A unique opportunity to bring in additional Medicaid reimbursement through the School Health Services (SHS) Program, which would increase funding for health services for Colorado students.

That means more funding for:

- Nursing Services
- Mental/Behavioral Health Services
- Suicide Prevention and Anti-Bullying
- Insurance Outreach & Enrollment
- Additional health services to meet the specific needs of each district's students



A pilot study in eight districts indicated that moving forward with this expansion could potentially increase Medicaid reimbursement for school districts by an estimated \$8 to \$12 million per year for health services



## Timeline

### Spring 2020

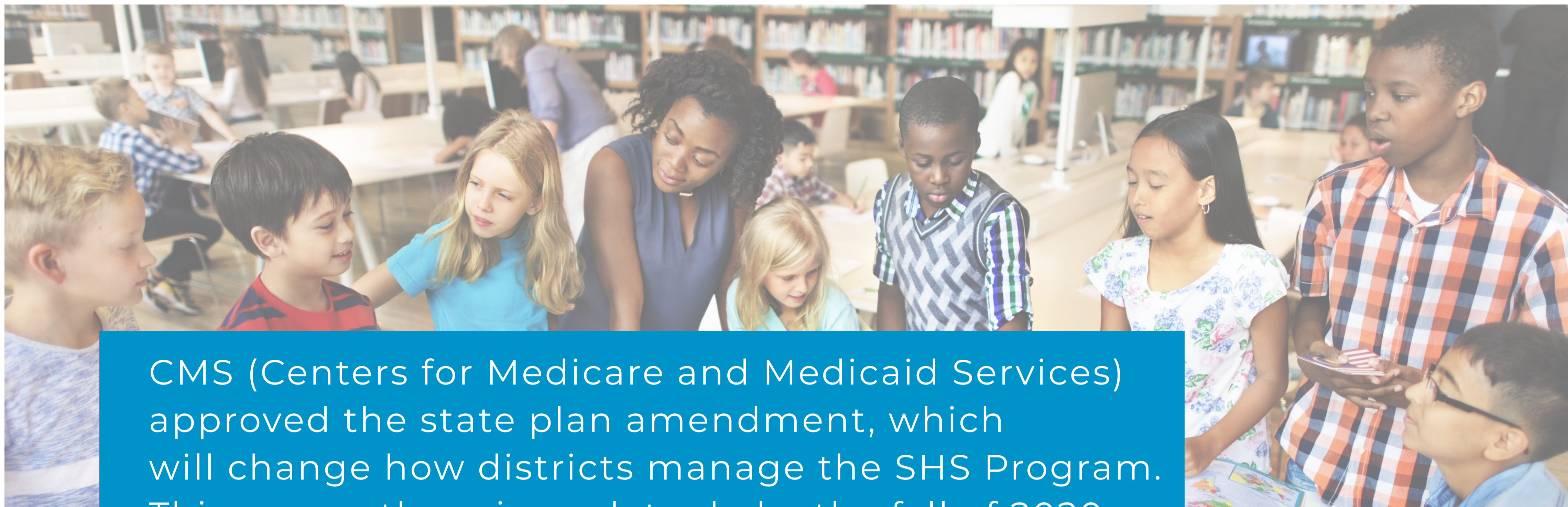
State Plan Amendment is approved by CMS

\*Our window to address challenges and maximize the opportunity

### Fall 2020

Districts start the year with new policy changes in effect

# Taking Action



CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) approved the state plan amendment, which will change how districts manage the SHS Program. This means there is work to do by the fall of 2020.

## The Consortium's Plan

Address Challenges and Maximize the Opportunity

**1** **Advocate** on behalf of school districts to maximize the impact of expanded school health services by adding additional qualified providers

**2** Include **medical necessity** language in stand-alone plans, behavioral plans, health care plans, 504 plans and more

**3** **Develop software** and expand existing tools to support increased documentation that include stand alone health plans

**4** Provide Additional **Training** for school administrators and health service providers