

**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**

The Board of Education recognizes that good physical and mental health is critical to a student's ability to learn and believes that all students should have access to comprehensive health services. The district may provide access to health services at or near district schools through the establishment of a school health center and/or mobile van(s) that serve multiple campuses.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state agencies and health care providers to assess the health needs of students in district schools and the community. Based on this needs assessment and the availability of resources, the Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval the types of health services to be provided by the district.

Board approval shall be required for any proposed use of district resources and facilities to support school health services. The Superintendent or designee shall identify funding opportunities available through grant programs, private foundations, and partnerships with local agencies and organizations.

School health services shall be provided under the supervision of a licensed health care professional. The Board may employ or contract with health care professionals or partner with community health centers to provide the services under the terms of a written contract or memorandum of understanding.

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If a school nurse is employed by the school or district, he/she shall be involved in planning and implementing the school health services as appropriate.

The Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the provision of school health services with other student wellness initiatives, including health education, programs that address nutrition and physical fitness, and other activities designed to create a healthy school environment. The Superintendent or designee shall encourage joint planning and regular communications among health services staff, district administrators, teachers, counselors, other staff, and parents/guardians.

**Consent and Confidentiality**

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain written parent/guardian consent prior to providing services to a student under 18 years of age, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6929, health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable laws.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain the confidentiality of student health records in accordance with law.

**Payment/Reimbursement for Services**

~~The Board desires that costs not be a barrier to student access to services. Services may be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale in accordance with law.~~

~~The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for billing public and private insurance programs and other applicable programs for reimbursement of services as appropriate.~~

~~The district shall serve as a Medi-Cal provider to the extent feasible, comply with all related legal requirements, and seek reimbursement of costs to the extent allowed by law.~~

~~To further encourage student access to health care services, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement strategies to assist in outreach and enrollment of eligible students from low- to moderate-income families in affordable, comprehensive state or federal health coverage programs and local health initiatives. Such strategies may include, but not be limited to, providing information about the Medi-Cal program on the application for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with law and providing students and parents/guardians with information about the low-cost Healthy Families insurance program.~~

## **Program Evaluation**

In order to continuously improve school health services, the Board shall evaluate the effectiveness of such services and the extent to which they continue to meet student needs.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with periodic reports that may include, but not necessarily be limited to, rates of participation in school health services; changes in student outcomes such as school attendance or achievement; measures in school climate; feedback from staff and participants regarding program accessibility and operations, including accessibility to low-income and linguistically and culturally diverse students and families; and program costs and revenues.

### Legal Reference:

#### **EDUCATION CODE**

49073-49079 Privacy of student records

49423.5 Specialized physical health care services

49557.2-49558 Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals; sharing information with Medi-Cal FAMILY CODE

6920-6929 Consent by minor for medical treatment

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

95020 Individualized family service plan

#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

104830-104865 School-based application of fluoride or other tooth decay-inhibiting agent

121020 HIV/AIDS testing and treatment; parental consent for minor under age 12

123110 Minor's right to access health records

123115 Limitation on parent/guardian access to minor's health records

123800-123995 California Children's Services Act

124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

124172-124174.6 Public School Health Center Support Program

124260 Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older

130300-130317 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

#### **WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE**

14059.5 Definition of "medically necessary"

14100.2 Confidentiality of Medi-Cal information

14115 Medi-Cal claims process

14115.8 LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option, program guide

14124.90 Third-party health coverage

14132.06 Covered benefits; health services provided by local educational agencies

14132.47 Administrative claiming process and targeted case management

#### **CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17**

2951 Testing standards for hearing tests

6800-6874 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

#### **CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22**

51009 Confidentiality

51050-51192 Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services

51200 Requirements for providers  
51231.2 Wheelchair van requirements  
51270 Local educational agency provider; conditions for participation  
51304 Limitations on specified benefits  
51309 Psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiological services  
51323 Medical transportation services  
51351 Targeted case management services  
51360 Local educational agency; types of services  
51491 Local educational agency eligibility for payment  
51535.5 Reimbursement to local educational agency providers  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
1320c-9 Prohibition against disclosure of records  
1397aa-1397mm State Children's Health Insurance Program  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 42  
431.300 Use and disclosure of information on Medicaid applicants and recipients  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45  
164.500-164.534 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*Expanding Access to School Health Services: Policy Considerations for Governing Boards, Policy Brief, November 2008*

*Promoting Oral Health for California's Students: New Role, New Opportunities for Schools, Policy Brief, November 2008*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS

*Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve*

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS

*California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Manual*

*LEA Medi-Cal Provider Manual*

CALIFORNIA SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH ALLIANCE PUBLICATIONS

*How to Fund Health Services in Your School District, September 2014*

*Documenting the Link Between School-Based Health Centers and Academic Success, May 2014*

NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW PUBLICATIONS

*Confidential Medical Release: Frequently Asked Questions from Schools and Districts, November 2015*

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CSBA, Practi-Cal Program: <http://www.csba.org/ProductsAndServices/AllServices/PractiCal>

California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California School-Based Health Alliance: <http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

Center for Health and Health Care in Schools: <http://www.healthinschools.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, School Health Policies and Programs (SHPPS) Study:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/shpps>

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>

National Center for Youth Law: <http://www.youthlaw.org>

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