

Students
SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

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The Governing Board 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 Board further recognizes that schools are uniquely positioned to increase health equity and to help ensure that all students have access to necessary health care 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, and may utilize telehealth as a delivery mechanism to increase access to health care services in schools.

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 the results of 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, including preventative programming and intervention strategies to address students' physical, mental, and behavioral health needs.

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.

The Board may prioritize school health services to schools serving students with the greatest need, including schools with medically underserved populations and/or a high percentage of low-income and uninsured children and youth.

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.

If a school nurse is employed by the school or district, the nurse 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, nutrition and physical fitness programs, 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.

To further encourage student access to health care services, the Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement outreach strategies to increase 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 are not limited to, providing

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information about the Medi-Cal program on the application for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with law.

Consent and Confidentiality

The Superintendent or designee shall obtain written parent/guardian consent prior to providing services to a student, except when the student is authorized to consent to the service pursuant to Family Code 6920-6930, Health and Safety Code 124260, or other applicable law.

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

Payment/Reimbursement for Services

The Superintendent or designee may bill public and private insurance programs and other applicable programs for reimbursement of services as appropriate. Services may be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale in accordance with law.

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.

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 are not necessarily limited to, rates of participation in school health services; changes in student outcomes such as school attendance or achievement; measures of 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

State

- 17 CCR 2950-2951: Hearing tests
- 17 CCR 6800-6874: Child Health and Disability Prevention program; health assessments
- 22 CCR 51009: Confidentiality
- 22 CCR 51050-51192: Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services
- 22 CCR 51200: Requirements for providers
- 22 CCR 51231.2: Wheelchair van requirements
- 22 CCR 51270: Local educational agency provider; conditions for participation
- 22 CCR 51304: Limitations on specified benefits
- 22 CCR 51309: Psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiological services
- 22 CCR 51323: Medical transportation services

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22 CCR 51351: Targeted case management services
22 CCR 51360: Local educational agency; types of services
22 CCR 51491: Local educational agency eligibility for payment
22 CCR 51535.5: Reimbursement to local educational agency providers
Ed. Code 49073-49079: Privacy of student records
Ed. Code 49423.5: Specialized physical health care services
Ed. Code 49557.2-49558: Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals; sharing information with Medi-Cal
Fam. Code 6920-6930: Consent by minor for medical treatment
Gov. Code 95020: Individualized family service plan
H&S Code 104830-104865: School-based application of fluoride or other tooth decay-inhibiting agent
H&S Code 121020: HIV/AIDS testing and treatment; parental consent for minor under age 12
H&S Code 123110: Minor's right to access health records
H&S Code 123115: Limitation on parent/guardian access to minor's health records
H&S Code 123800-123995: California Children's Services Act
H&S Code 124025-124110: Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
H&S Code 124172-124174.6: Public School Health Center Support Program
H&S Code 124260: Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older
H&S Code 130300-130317: Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
W&I Code 14059.5: Definition of "medically necessary"
W&I Code 14115: Medi-Cal claims process
W&I Code 14115.8: LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option; program guide
W&I Code 14124.90: Third-party health coverage
W&I Code 14132.06: Covered benefits; health services provided by local educational agencies
W&I Code 14132.47: Administrative claiming process and targeted case management
W&I Code 5961-5961.5: Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Act

Federal

20 USC 1232g: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974
42 CFR 431.300: Use and disclosure of information on Medicaid applicants and recipients
42 USC 1320c-9: Prohibition against disclosure of records
42 USC 1397aa-1397mm: State Children's Health Insurance Program
45 CFR 164.500-164.534: Privacy of individually identifiable health information

Management Resources

CA Department of Health Care Services Publication: LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Provider Manual, November 2021
CA Dept of Health Care Services Publication: Policy and Procedure Letter No. 23-004, February 2023
CA Dept of Health Care Services: Publication Policy and Procedure Letter No. 21-017R, December 2021
CA Dept of Health Care Services: Publication California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Manual
CA Health and Human Services Publication: Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, 2021
CA School-Based Health Alliance Publication: Documenting the Link Between School-Based Health Centers and Academic Success, May 2014
CA School-Based Health Alliance Publication: How to Fund Health Services in Your School District, September 2014
California Department: Health Education Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten of Education Publication: Through Grade Twelve, May 2019
National Center for Youth Law Publication: Confidential Medical Release: Frequently Asked Questions from Schools and Districts, November 2015
US Dept of Health and Human Services Publication: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Informational Bulletin, Information on School-Based Services in Medicaid: Funding, Documentation and Expanding Services, August 2022
US Dept of Health and Human Services Publication: Information on School-Based Services in Medicaid: Funding, Documentation and Expanding Services, August 18, 2022
Website: California Department of Health and Human Services

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Website: CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services
Website: CSBA, Practi-Cal Program
Website: California School-Based Health Alliance
Website: Center for Health and Health Care in Schools
Website: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, School Health Policies and Programs (SHPPS) Study
Website: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Website: California County Superintendents Educational Services Association
Website: National Center for Youth Law
Website: California School Nurses Organization
Website: California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing
Website: California Department of Health Care Services
Website: California Department of Public Health
Website: CSBA

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