

Policy 5141.6: School Health Services

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The Board of Trustees 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 deliver 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 student's 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 grand 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 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.

Policy Reference Disclaimer: These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

State References

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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
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 References

20 USC 1232g
 42 CFR 431.300
 42 USC 1320c-9
 42 USC 1397aa-1397mm
 45 CFR 164.500-164.534

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[Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\) of 1974](#)
[Use and disclosure of information on Medicaid applicants and recipients](#)
[Prohibition against disclosure of records](#)
[State Children's Health Insurance Program](#)
[Privacy of individually identifiable health information](#)

Management Resources References

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

Website	California County Superintendents
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

Cross References

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