

Regulation 5141.6: School Health Services

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Types of Health Services

In accordance with student and community needs and available resources, school health services offered by the district may include, but are not limited to:

1. Health screenings, evaluations, and assessments of students' need for health services
2. Physical examinations, immunizations, and other preventive medical services
3. Diagnosis and treatment of minor injuries and acute medical conditions
4. Management of chronic medical conditions
5. Basic laboratory tests
6. Reproductive health services
7. Nutrition services

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)

8. Mental or behavioral health services, which may include assessments, crisis intervention, counseling, treatment, and referral to a continuum of services including emergency psychiatric care, community support programs, inpatient care, and outpatient programs
9. Oral health services that may include preventive services, basic restorative services, and referral to specialty services

The Superintendent or designee shall notify all parents/guardians of the opportunity pursuant to Health and Safety Code 104830-104865 for their child to receive the topical application of fluoride, including fluoride varnish, or other decay-inhibiting agent to the teeth during the school year. Such application of fluoride or other decay-inhibiting agent shall only be provided to a student whose parent/guardian returns the notification with an indication consenting to the treatment. (Health and Safety Code 104830, 104850, 104855)

10. Individual and family health education
11. School or districtwide health promotion
12. First aid and administration of medications
13. Referral and linkage to services not offered on-site
14. Public health and disease surveillance
15. Emergency response procedures
16. Specialized health care services for students with disabilities
17. Targeted case management
18. Substance abuse prevention and intervention services
19. Vision and audiology services
20. Speech therapy
21. Occupational therapy

22. Physical therapy

The district may deliver health care services, including mental and behavioral health, for students on campus by means of telehealth technology. (Education Code 49429)

Medi-Cal Billing

In order to provide services as a Medi-Cal provider, the district shall enter into and maintain a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). (Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.06; 22 CCR 51051, 51270)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a plan to ensure that the district and all district subcontractors, provide individuals with speech, vision, and hearing disabilities auxiliary aides and services, to enable those individuals to effectively communicate and participate in the Medi-Cal program. Such auxiliary aides and services may include, but are not limited to, providing written materials in alternative formats such as braille, large font, audio recordings, or closed captioning.

The Superintendent or designee shall submit a claim for Medi-Cal reimbursement whenever the district provides a Medi-Cal-eligible student under age 22 and/or a member of the student's family a covered service specified in 22 CCR 51190.4 or 51360. (Welfare and Institutions Code 14132.06; 22 CCR 51096, 51098, 51190.1, 51190.4, 51309, 51360, 51535.5)

When the district provides services, or arranges for the provision of services, for treatment of a mental health or substance use disorder for a student at a school site or at an off-campus clinic, mobile counseling service, or similar district-arranged location, the district may seek reimbursement from the student's health care service plan, in accordance with the requirements of Health and Safety Code 1374.722.

The district shall maintain records and supporting documentation including, but not limited to, records of the type and extent of services provided to a Medi-Cal beneficiary in accordance with law. (22 CCR 51270, 51476)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that all practitioners employed by or under contract with the district possess the appropriate license, certification, registration, or credential and provide only those services that are within their scope of practice. (22 CCR 51190.3, 51270, 51491)

Any federal funds received by the district as reimbursement for the costs of services under the Medi-Cal billing option shall be reinvested in services for students and their families. The Superintendent or designee shall consult with a local school-linked services collaborative group regarding decisions on reinvestment of federal funds (22 CCR 51270)

The Superintendent or designee shall submit an annual report to DHCS to identify participants in the community collaborative, provide a financial summary including reinvestment expenditures, and describe service priorities for the future. (22 CCR 51270)

Medi-Cal Administrative Activities

The district shall apply for reimbursement for activities identified by DHCS which are related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program. Such activities include, but are not limited to, outreach, translation for Medi-Cal services, facilitation of applications, arrangement of nonemergency and nonmedical transportation of eligible individuals, program planning and policy development, claims coordination and administration, training, and general administration.

Appropriate staff shall receive training in administrative claiming categories and related activities.

To receive reimbursement for Medi-Cal administrative activities, the Superintendent or designee shall, on a quarterly basis, submit an invoice to the local educational consortium or local governmental agency through which the district has contracted.

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall submit to the local educational consortium or local governmental agency, and shall update each quarter, a roster of all employees who perform direct Medi-Cal services or administrative activities. When notified by the local educational consortium or local governmental agency of the date

and time that a random-moment time survey must be conducted by a particular employee, the Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the completion and submission of the survey in accordance with DHCS timelines and procedures.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain an audit file containing random-moment time survey documentation and other records specified by DHCS. Such documentation shall be kept for three years after the end of the quarter in which expenditures were incurred or, if an audit is in progress, until the completion of the audit.

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
- 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](#)
- [California County Superintendents](#)
- [California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing](#)
- [California Department of Health Care Services](#)

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