

DOCUMENTS FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF STUDENT INFORMATION

TO

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

OCONEE COUNTY SCHOOLS (OCS) currently provides necessary school-based health services to your child at no cost to you, the parent/guardian. OCS is participating in the Department of Community Health's program through which Federal Medicaid funds are made available to school districts in the State to help cover the costs of providing necessary school-based health services to students. By participating in the program, OCS is allowed to seek Federal Medicaid funds to help cover the costs of the health services OCS provides for your child. In order to seek the Federal funds, OCS must disclose information from your child's education records to the Department of Community Health regarding the health services OCS provided to your child.

NOTIFICATION OF PARENT/GUARDIAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS

To ensure that your child has access to a free appropriate public education, as required by Federal law, OCS must:

- ❖ Obtain your written consent prior to disclosing your child's health information to the Department of Community Health,
- ❖ May not require you to sign up for or enroll in any public benefits or insurance programs,
- ❖ May not require you to pay any out-of-pocket expenses such as a deductible or co-payment for the costs of the health services OCS provides to your child, and
- ❖ May not use your child's Medicaid or other public benefits if that use would
 - ✓ Decrease available lifetime coverage or any other insured benefit,
 - ✓ Result in you or your family paying for services that would otherwise be covered by Medicaid or other public insurance program and that are required for your child outside of the time that your child is in school,
 - ✓ Increase your insurance premiums or lead to the discontinuation of any public benefits or insurance, or
 - ✓ Risk the loss of your eligibility for home and community-based waivers, based on aggregate health-related costs.

Giving your consent will cost you, the parent/guardian, nothing, but will allow OCS to seek Federal financial support needed to better provide services to students. Whether or not you give your consent or if you withdraw your consent, OCS will continue to provide services to your child at no cost to you, the parent/guardian.