



Health Plan vs. Section 504 vs. IDEA

Health Plan / Emergency Care Plan Case Management: School Nurses	Section 504 from the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Case Management: School Counselors	IDEA Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Case Management: Special Education Teachers
● Is a plan between a school nurse and parent(s) describing how health conditions are managed in a school setting. May also explain what to do in an emergency. ● Eligibility – student has a health condition that could impact their school day but is not to the level of a “substantial” condition (such as mild asthma, seizure disorder with no reported activity for some time, allergies not requiring an epi-pen, some heart conditions, etc. Determination of health plan vs. 504 will be made based on the individual student’s situation). ● Age limits – none ● Review – Plan is reviewed by nurse and family at least once a year but updated more frequently if health conditions change. ● Questions – First contact should be with the school nurse. ● Complaints - First contact the building administrator. Formal complaints will be stated to the District’s Director of Special Services, (Kelsie Badger).	● This is a legal document for students with disabilities who do not require specialized academic instruction. ● The goal of the 504-plan is to provide accommodations to help students access general education. Does not guarantee that a child with a disability will receive an individualized education plan. ● Eligibility – depends on the child having a physical or mental impairment which “substantially” limits at least one major life activity (such as learning, breathing, reading, writing, etc.) ● Age limits – none, can be appropriate for individual’s employment and higher education. Transition planning begins at age 16. The responsibility of the disability disclosure shifts to the student. ● Review – Accommodation plan is reviewed at least once a year. Eligibility established every 3 years. ● Questions –Contact with the student’s case manager (school counselor) or building administrator. Idaho Parents Unlimited: http://www.ipulidaho.org/ ● Complaints - may be stated to the District’s Coordinator for Section 504 (Kelsie Badger). Formal complaints may be filed with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).	● IDEA is a federal education law that assists states in providing special education services to children. ● Eligibility – for special education services, it is necessary to prove that the child in questions has a disability that interferes with his/ her education and performance, and they need specialized instruction. ● Many more restrictions for IDEA qualification, but it also provides more specialized services outlined on an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and safeguards. ● Age limits – children age 3 through 21. Review – IEP is reviewed at least once a year. Eligibility established every 3 years. ● Questions –Contact should be with the student’s case manager (special education teachers) or building administrator. ● Complaints may be filed with the District’s Special Education Director (Kelsie Badger). Formal complaints may be filed with the State Department of Education (SDE). Idaho Parents Unlimited: http://www.ipulidaho.org/ ● Complaints – review complaint procedures in Procedural Safeguards.