

Students

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

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

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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:

<u>State</u>	<u>Description</u>
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

Students**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES****Legal Reference:****State**

22 CCR 51309

22 CCR 51323

22 CCR 51351

22 CCR 51360

22 CCR 51491

22 CCR 51535.5

Ed. Code 49073-49079

Ed. Code 49423.5

Ed. Code 49557.2-49558

Fam. Code 6920-6930

Gov. Code 95020

H&S Code 104830-104865

H&S Code 121020

H&S Code 123110

H&S Code 123115

H&S Code 123800-123995

H&S Code 124025-124110

H&S Code 124172-124174.6

H&S Code 124260

H&S Code 130300-130317

W&I Code 14059.5

W&I Code 14115

W&I Code 14115.8

W&I Code 14124.90

W&I Code 14132.06

W&I Code 14132.47

W&I Code 5961-5961.5

Federal

20 USC 1232g

42 CFR 431.300

42 USC 1320c-9

42 USC 1397aa-1397mm

45 CFR 164.500-164.534

Description

Psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiological services

Medical transportation services

Targeted case management services

Local educational agency; types of services

Local educational agency eligibility for payment

Reimbursement to local educational agency providers

Privacy of student records

Specialized physical health care services

Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals; sharing information with Medi-Cal

Consent by minor for medical treatment

Individualized family service plan

School-based application of fluoride or other tooth decay-inhibiting agent

HIV/AIDS testing and treatment; parental consent for minor under age 12

Minor's right to access health records

Limitation on parent/guardian access to minor's health records

California Children's Services Act

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

Public School Health Center Support Program

Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)

Definition of "medically necessary"

Medi-Cal claims process

LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option; program guide

Third-party health coverage

Covered benefits; health services provided by local educational agencies

Administrative claiming process and targeted case management

Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative Act

Description

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

Students**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES****Legal Reference:****Management Resources**

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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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](#)
[California Department of Public Health](#)
[CSBA](#)

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