Parental consent to bill Medi-Cal for IEP health services

Information for parents to help understand this requirement

Giving consent for the school district to bill Medi-Cal allows for the district to be reimbursed for the health services that your child receives in school. Giving consent will not affect your child's Medi-Cal benefits in any way. Even if your child is not currently on Medi-Cal, giving consent will allow for the school district

- **Why do I need to give parental consent on my child's IEP for the school district to bill Medi-Cal?**
  It's a requirement for the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program. Your child's school participates in this program to receive funds to benefit the students.

- **What is the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program?**
  It's the federal program, administered by the state, that reimburses school districts for health services provided to Medi-Cal eligible students who have an IEP. The school district receives reimbursement funds from the state which are reinvested back into the schools.

- **What if my child isn't on Medi-Cal?**
  Then the district won't bill Medi-Cal for your child's health services.

- **If my child is on Medi-Cal, will this affect their Medi-Cal benefits?**
  No, not at all. Your child's own personal Medi-Cal benefits are never affected by this school-based service.

- **What about privacy? Will my child's health records be disclosed to anyone?**
  In the event of an audit, the auditor (under strict FERPA and HIPAA guidelines) will verify that services were provided according to the submitted Medi-Cal claim.

- **If I check "yes" on the IEP for this billing, can I change my mind in the future?**
  Yes, you can always change your mind.

- **If I check "no," will that affect my child and the services he/she receives?**
  No, your child's services will never be affected in any way.

- **If I check "yes," can I have copies of my child's health records that could be disclosed?**
  Yes, under FERPA guidelines, you can request to review copies of your child's health information.

- **Will I have to pay for any of my child's health services related to the IEP?**
  No, payment will not be required of you for your child's health services received in school.