

**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 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.

The Board and the Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state agencies and health care 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.

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

*(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)*

*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

*(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)*

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

*(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Asthma Management)*

*(cf. 5141.24 - Specialized Health Care Services)*

*(cf. 5141.25 - Availability of Condoms)*

*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

*(cf. 5141.33 - Head Lice)*

*(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting)*

*(cf. 5141.52 - Suicide Prevention)*

*(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)*

*(cf. 6159 - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6164.6 - Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

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.

*(cf. 1260 - Educational Foundation)*

*(cf. 1330.1 - Joint Use Agreement)*

*(cf. 3100 - Budget)*

*(cf. 7000 - Facilities Master Plan)*

The Board may prioritize school health services to schools with the greatest need, including schools with medically underserved populations, a high percentage of low-income and uninsured children and youth, large numbers of English learners, Academic Performance Index rankings in deciles 1-3, and/or a shortage of health professionals in the community.

## **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)**

School health services shall be provided or supervised by 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.

*(cf. 1020 - Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 3312 - Contracts)*

If a school nurse is employed by the school or district, he/she 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.

*(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)*  
*(cf. 5030 - Student Wellness)*  
*(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education and Activity)*  
*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 - Counseling/Guidance Services)*

### **Consent and Confidentiality**

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 6920-6929, 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.

*(cf. 5125 - Student Records)*

### **Payment/Reimbursement for Services**

The Board desires that costs not be a barrier to student access to services. Services may be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale in accordance with law.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for billing public and private insurance programs and other applicable programs for reimbursement of services as appropriate.

*(cf. 5143 - Insurance)*

## **SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES (continued)**

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.

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 not be limited to, providing information about the Medi-Cal program on the application for free and reduced-price meals in accordance with law and providing students and parents/guardians with information about the low-cost Healthy Families insurance program.

*(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)*

### **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 not necessarily be limited to, rates of participation in school health services; changes in student outcomes such as school attendance or achievement; 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.

*(cf. 0500 - Accountability)*

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### *EDUCATION CODE*

*8800-8807 Healthy Start support services for children*

*49073-49079 Privacy of student records*

*49423.5 Specialized physical health care services*

*49557.2-49558 Eligibility for free and reduced-price meals; sharing information with Medi-Cal*

##### *FAMILY CODE*

*6920-6929 Consent by minor for medical treatment*

##### *GOVERNMENT CODE*

*95020 Individualized family service plan*

##### *HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE*

*104830-104865 School-based application of fluoride or other tooth decay-inhibiting agent*

*121020 HIV/AIDS testing and treatment; parental consent for minor under age 12*

*123110 Minor's right to access health records*

*123115 Limitation on parent/guardian access to minor's health records*

*123800-123995 California Children's Services Act*

*124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*

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124172-124174.6 *Public School Health Center Support Program*  
124260 *Mental health services; consent by minors age 12 and older*  
130300-130317 *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE  
14059.5 *Definition of "medically necessary"*  
14100.2 *Confidentiality of Medi-Cal information*  
14115 *Medi-Cal claims process*  
14124.90 *Third-party health coverage*  
14132.06 *Covered benefits; health services provided by local educational agencies*  
14132.47 *Administrative claiming process and targeted case management*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 10  
2699.6500-2699.6905 *Healthy Families Program*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17  
2951 *Testing standards for hearing tests*  
6800-6874 *Child Health and Disability Prevention Program*  
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22  
51009 *Confidentiality*  
51050-51192 *Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services*  
51200 *Requirements for providers*  
51231.2 *Wheelchair van requirements*  
51270 *Local educational agency provider; conditions for participation*  
51304 *Limitations on specified benefits*  
51309 *Psychology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, audiological services*  
51323 *Medical transportation services*  
51351 *Targeted case management services*  
51360 *Local educational agency; types of services*  
51491 *Local educational agency eligibility for payment*  
51535.5 *Reimbursement to local educational agency providers*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20  
1232g *Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act (FERPA)*  
UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42  
1320c-9 *Prohibition against disclosure of records*  
1397aa-1397jj *State Children's Health Insurance Program*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 42  
431.300 *Use and disclosure of information on Medicaid applicants and recipients*  
CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45  
164.500-164.534 *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)*

*Management Resources:*

*CSBA PUBLICATIONS*

*Expanding Access to School Health Services: Policy Considerations for Governing Boards, Policy Brief, November 2008*

*Promoting Oral Health for California's Student: New Role, New Opportunities for Schools, Policy Brief, November 2008*

*Providing School Health Services in California: Perceptions, Challenges and Needs of District Leadership Teams, 2008*

*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS*

*Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve, 2003*

*CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES PUBLICATIONS*

*LEA Medi-Cal Provider Manual*

*California School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Manual*

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*DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES POLICY LETTERS*

*00-06 Managed Care Plan Relationships with Local Education Agency Providers, December 11, 2000*

*NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE PUBLICATIONS*

*A Guidebook for Evaluating School-Based Health Centers*

*NATIONAL CENTER FOR YOUTH LAW PUBLICATIONS*

*Minor Consent, Confidentiality, and Child Abuse Reporting in California, October 2006*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

*CSBA, PractiCal Program: <http://www.csba.org/Services/Services/DistrictServices/PractiCal.aspx>*

*California County Superintendents Educational Services Association: <http://www.ccsesa.org>*

*California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>*

*California Department of Health Care Services: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov>*

*California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>*

*California School Health Centers Association: <http://www.schoolhealthcenters.org>*

*California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>*

*Center for Health and Health Care in Schools: <http://www.healthinschools.org>*

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, School Health Policies and Programs (SHPPS) Study: <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/shpps>*

*Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov>*

*Healthy Families Program: <http://www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov>*

*National Assembly on School-Based Health Care: <http://www.nasbhc.org>*

*National Center for Youth Law: <http://www.youthlaw.org>*

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