

**POLICY 5141.6: SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES****Adopted:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*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 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, 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.*

### **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 6920-6930, 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.*

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**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** *These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.*

#### **State**

17 CCR 2950-2951  
17 CCR 6800-6874  
22 CCR 51009  
22 CCR 51050-51192  
22 CCR 51200  
22 CCR 51231.2  
22 CCR 51270  
22 CCR 51304  
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

#### **Description**

Hearing tests  
Child Health and Disability Prevention program; health assessments  
Confidentiality  
Definitions of Medi-Cal providers and services  
Requirements for providers  
Wheelchair van requirements  
Local educational agency provider; conditions for participation  
Limitations on specified benefits  
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

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

**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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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

**Description**

LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option Program Provider Manual, 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  
How to Fund Health Services in Your School District, September 2014  
Documenting the Link Between School-Based Health Centers and Academic Success, May 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

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California Department of Health Care Services  
California Department of Public Health  
CSBA

### **Cross References**

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#### **Description**

Nondiscrimination In District Programs And Activities  
Joint Use Agreements  
Access To District Records  
Access To District Records  
Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies And The Schools  
Environmental Safety  
Environmental Safety  
Free And Reduced-Price Meals  
Free And Reduced-Price Meals  
Employees With Infectious Disease  
Universal Precautions  
Universal Precautions  
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Universal Precautions  
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Staff Development  
Employee Safety  
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Employees With Infectious Disease  
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Student And Family Privacy Rights  
Student And Family Privacy Rights  
Chronic Absence And Truancy  
Chronic Absence And Truancy  
Attendance Supervision  
District School Attendance Review Board  
District School Attendance Review Board  
Student Records  
Student Records  
Alcohol And Other Drugs  
Alcohol And Other Drugs  
Drug Testing  
Tobacco  
Tobacco  
Steroids  
Steroids  
Health Care And Emergencies  
Health Care And Emergencies  
Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions  
Administering Medication And Monitoring Health Conditions  
Infectious Diseases  
Infectious Diseases  
Asthma Management  
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6171	<i>Title I Programs</i>
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