

School Health Services (SH)

(IEP services provided by a school nurse or other qualified person)

Who is responsible for informing the School Nurse about IEP meetings or about students moving in with SH Services? It is the responsibility of the Primary Provider. A listing and contact information for all school nurses is included with this correspondence.

What process needs to be followed to add SH Services to an IEP? The primary provider needs to contact the School Nurse and a meeting should be scheduled to discuss adding these services. This could also be done by following the procedures for amending an IEP. *Parent consent must be obtained.* If SH services are added to the IEP, *the primary provider needs to provide a copy of the IEP to the School Nurse.*

How do I write that SH services will be provided in the IEP, if weekly or daily services aren't needed? We cannot indicate that any service, including SH services, will be provided on an "as-needed" basis. The written narrative should clearly state the services a student is receiving, in what environment, and how often. This should be written in the "Special Education, Related Services, and Placement" section of the IEP. For example if SH services are necessary to write and update the student's health care plan, the services may state something like:

"The School Nurse will provide consultation to update the student's health care plan and provide necessary staff training for a total of 3 hours over the next year. These services may not occur weekly or monthly, but will likely occur at the beginning of the school year; as new staff are hired and need to be trained; or as the health plan needs updating".

The Anticipated Services Chart, which is not part of the IEP, would then need to be completed. Three hours over the course of 36 weeks, averages to 5 minutes of consultation weekly (5 minutes, 1 day a week, 36 weeks).

What are examples of when the IEP team should consider School Health Services?

- A student has a health care plan
- The student requires specialized procedures that can only be performed when delegated by a school nurse
- Specialized training needs to take place related to a student's health condition
- Regular, ongoing communication is necessary between home and school and physician
- The student takes medication that may have significant adverse side effects that need to be monitored

If a student with an IEP takes medicine at school, should time be added to the IEP for SH?

Not automatically. Many students, with or without IEPs, take medicine at school. This alone does not mean that the student needs school health services.