



***Limited Sharing/Release of Student Information for the Purpose
of the Local Education Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option***

Notice to Parents/Guardians:

- Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), LEAs must provide health assessment and treatment to students on IEP/IFSPs at no cost to the parent/guardian
 - The LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program allows school districts to receive the federal share of reimbursement for health assessment and treatment services delivered to Medi-Cal eligible children and family members within the school environment
 - Health assessment and treatment may include educational assessments and services in the areas of audiology, counseling, psycho-educational, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and transportation related to the services
 - San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), in cooperation with the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Department of Education, participates in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program
- In order for LEAs to seek potential reimbursement via the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program, they must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
 - FERPA requires LEAs to obtain written and signed parental consent prior to submitting personally identifiable student information contained in education records to Medi-Cal
- After obtaining parental consent, LEAs may release disability information, health services provided, Medi-Cal ID, and Social Security Number to verify eligibility or seek reimbursement

SDUSD's Rights and Responsibilities:

- SDUSD must provide health assessment and treatment for students on IEP/IFSPs at no cost to the parent/guardian regardless if parental consent to share/release information is granted
- SDUSD must obtain written and signed parental consent prior to submitting personally identifiable student information contained in education records to Medi-Cal in order to seek reimbursement for services provided
- FERPA allows LEAs to disclose directory information (Name, Address, Date of Birth, Student ID) without written parental consent
- FERPA does not require LEAs to obtain written parental consent in order for Public Consulting Group (PCG), in its capacity as the LEA's billing agent/consultant, to access or maintain, on behalf of the LEA, health information contained in education records

Parent's Rights and Protections:

- Granting consent for the limited sharing/release of student information is voluntary
- Accessing reimbursement via the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option does not decrease any insurance benefits, increase any insurance premiums, or lead to the discontinuation of any public benefits that a child or family may receive
- Granting consent for the limited sharing/release of student information does not require children or families to enroll in any public benefits or insurance programs
- Parents/guardians have the right to request that this limited sharing/release information is provided in their native language, or through another mode of communication
- Consent for the limited sharing/release of student information may be revoked at any time by providing a written notice to SDUSD revoking parental consent
 - SDUSD will continue to provide health assessment and treatment at no cost to the parent/guardian