

**Public Notice Regarding Informed Parental Consent
School Based Medicaid Direct Service Claiming (DSC) Program**

Glendale Unified High School District (“the District”) participates in the Medicaid Direct Service Claiming (DSC) program. This Notice provides information about the program and your rights. The implementing regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) require that parents be provided annual written notification of their rights when the District requests reimbursement from public benefits or insurance for services provided under the IDEA. *See* 34 C.F.R. § 300.154(d)(2)(v).

What is the School Based Medicaid DSC program? DSC is a federal program that enables the District to receive reimbursement from Medicaid for some therapy and health-related and medical services the District provides to students with an IEP that are Title XIX Medicaid (AHCCCS) eligible.

What are some examples of covered services? Speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, personal care services/health aide assistance, nursing, counseling, psychological services, audiology and special education transportation.

Must the District obtain your informed written consent to seek reimbursement for services provided to your child? Yes. The District must have your written consent before it can submit your child’s name and birth date to AHCCCS and its authorized agencies to determine if your child is Medicaid eligible for purposes of the DSC program. If your child is Medicaid eligible for purposes of the DSC program, the District will submit to AHCCCS and its authorized agencies the service logs created by your child’s service providers. The District checks on Title XIX Medicaid eligibility throughout the year.

If my child is Medicaid eligible, will AHCCCS need to review my child’s records? If your child is Title XIX eligible, Medicaid agencies conduct periodic audits of the District’s Title XIX students’ files. During the audit, the Medicaid agencies may review your child’s IEP, progress reports, special education transportation forms, and clinical notes.

What if my child has both AHCCCS and private insurance? If your child has both coverages, the District may submit a claim to the private insurance company for the sole purpose of obtaining a denial of coverage of the services provided through the District. Insurance companies do not cover or pay for school-based IEP services. When the insurance company denies the claim, the District can resubmit the claim to Medicaid (AHCCCS) for reimbursement/payment.

May I revoke my consent if I change my mind at a later date? Yes. Your consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time.

If I do not provide my consent or if I revoke my consent, will my child continue to receive needed services that are on his/her IEP? Yes. All services required under your child’s IEP will be provided at no cost to you, whether you sign the consent form or not.

Must I sign up for or enroll in public benefits or insurance programs in order for my child to receive special education and related services? No. You are not required to sign up for or enroll in Medicaid for your child to receive IEP services or a free appropriate public education.

Will I be required to pay out of pocket expenses or deductibles in order for the District to submit a claim for reimbursement? No. You will not be required to incur any out-of-pocket expenses such as a deductible or co-pay that are incurred by the District when it submits a claim.

Will my participation in the DSC program reduce available lifetime coverage or other insured benefits for my child? No. The District is prohibited from utilizing AHCCCS reimbursement if its use will: (a) decrease the available lifetime coverage or any other insured benefit; (b) result in you paying for services that would otherwise be covered and are required for the child outside the home; (c) increase premiums or lead to the discontinuation of benefits or insurance; or (d) risk loss of eligibility for home and community based waivers, based on aggregate health-related expenditures.

Who can I contact if I have questions about the DSC program? Please email the District’s Medicaid Coordinator at Medicaid@guhdsd.org, or call 623-435-6089 if you have questions.