The School Health Services (SHS) Program supports participating school districts by administering reimbursement through federal matching funds for the health services provided to public school students enrolled in Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program).

**60** School districts participating in CO’s SHS Program

About **84%** of total student population in CO

**Types of services reimbursed:**
- Physician
- Nursing
- Personal Care
- Psychology, Counseling and Social Work
- Orientation and Mobility
- Speech Language and Hearing
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Specialized Transportation

**SHS Program Reimbursement Dollars for Fiscal Year 2016-17 for Colorado School Districts**

- **$4.3 M** Outreach & Enrollment
- **$38 M** Direct Health Services
- **$42.3 M** Total

**Top State Spending Priorities**

- Increase Mental Health Services
- Increase Nursing Services
- Provide Vouchers for Dental, Vision, Hearing, or Mental Health
- Outreach to Uninsured or Under Insured Students
- Improve Health Status of Staff and Students

**HOW DO COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICTS USE THEIR SHS PROGRAM MONEY?**

Local Services Plan (LSP): Participating districts are required to develop an LSP based on community input to determine priorities and how funds will be allocated to enhance or expand health services to all students in the school district.

**393.68 Full Time Staff Supported by the SHS Program**

Nurses · Clinic Aids · Social Workers · Psychologists · Mental Health Specialist

**66,743 Pieces of Health Related Equipment & Supplies**

Wheel Chairs and Cots for School Clinics, Adaptive Seating for Physically Challenged Students

**$7.5 Million on Mental, Social & Emotional Health**

Mental First Aid - Suicide Prevention and Care Coordination for Social/Emotional Needs

**Proud Achievements**

- Increased Monitoring of Asthma and Diabetes
- Assistance with Accessing Community Health Services
- Trained Teachers & educational Staff in CPR and First Aid
- Decrease in School Nurse to Student Ratio
- Outreach to Uninsured or Under Insured Students
- Improve Health Status of Staff and Students

www.cde.state.co.us/healthandwellness/medicaid_home

www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/school-health-services-program