

Do school districts need Parental consent to receive *Health First Colorado* reimbursements?

- Yes. Special Education law requires your one time consent on file.
- Your student's IEP case manager will provide the document for you to sign.
- Annually a Notification of Access to Benefits will be distributed to parents.

My child is not eligible for *Health First Colorado*. Do I still need to sign the consent?

Yes. Your consent will be on file should your student become *Health First Colorado* eligible.



For more information about this program contact:



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School Health Services Program Provides Health Services to All Students.

# Colorado School Health Services Program



## PARENT'S GUIDE

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## What is the School Health Services Program?

- The School Health Services Program allows school districts to seek reimbursement from *Health First Colorado*
- Partial reimbursement for health and medical services
- Provided to *Health First Colorado*-eligible students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Districts are required to use funds for additional or enhanced health/ health related services for all students

## Why are schools requesting *Health First Colorado* reimbursement?

- Federal special education laws require school districts to provide IEP health services to students
- Federal law allows school districts to seek reimbursement for health services provided to *Health First Colorado* eligible IEP students
- Funds are used to provide expanded health services to all students
- Expanded services can include vision/ hearing screenings, *Health First Colorado/ Child Health Plan Plus*, outreach to uninsured families, access to emergency medication/dental services for uninsured students

## Which IEP health services are reimbursable through *Health First Colorado*?

Health and health related services listed in the IEP:

- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy
- Speech language therapy
- Orientation/mobility/vision services
- Psychological/counseling/ social work services
- Nursing services
- Personal care services and
- Specialized transportation

## How do schools use the money they receive from *Health First Colorado*?

Colorado law requires reimbursement funds be used to provide enhanced health and health related services to all district students.

Services can include: additional nursing support, medical supplies and equipment, mental health support for students and families and vouchers to provide access to vision/dental/mental health services to uninsured students.

Contact your school *Health First Colorado* Coordinator for details on how your district utilizes these funds.

## I am concerned about confidentiality.

### **Who can see my child's health information if I allow my school district to bill *Health First Colorado* for IEP services provided to my child?**

Two laws determine who can see student health information:

- Federal privacy laws state only school health service providers, your child's private doctor, district *Health First Colorado* billing agent will see your child's school health records.
- Colorado's *Health First Colorado* Agency will see your child's school health records.

### **Will *Health First Colorado* services my child receives outside of school be affected?**

No. IEP health services provided by the school and reimbursed to the district do not affect your child's lifetime *Health First Colorado* benefits.

Students can receive health services at school on the same day they receive services outside of school.