If you have questions about the School-Based Services program,
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## What is the School-Based Services Program?

It is a Federal program called School-Based Services. The program assists school districts by providing partial reimbursement for medically related services that are listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP). Although this partial reimbursement is available only for students who are Medi-Cal eligible, services are provided to **all** students with disabilities regardless of their Medi-Cal eligibility status.



## Is there a cost to me?

**No**. IEP & IFSP services are provided to students while they are at school at **no** cost to the parent/guardian.

## Will it impact my family's Medi-Cal benefits?

**No**. The School-Based Services Program does **not** impact a family's Medi-Cal services, funds, or limits. California operates the School-Based Services Program differently than the Family Medi-Cal Program. The School-Based Services program does not affect your family's Medi-Cal benefits in any way.

## What types of services for children does the School-Based Services Program cover?

This program helps schools receive reimbursements for the following School-Based Services:

- Speech & Language Assessments and Services
- Orientation & Mobility
- Assistive Technology Services
- Psychological Assessments
- Evaluations
- Developmental Testing
- Nursing Assessments & Services
- Case Management
- Special Education Transportation

How can I help assure my school district receives benefits from the School-Based Services Program?

School districts have been participating since 1993, but recently Federal regulations changed to require that the parent/guardian:

- Be fully informed about the School-Based Services Program.
- Provides consent to release school records containing the student's information to California Medi-Cal and billing agencies for the purpose of participating in the School-Based Services Program.
- Understands that consent is voluntary and can be revoked.

You can help by providing your written consent, which allows your school district to continue to participate in the School-Based Services Program. In the times of reduced state funding for schools, all reimbursements are extremely important and are used to improve and enhance our school programs.