

Health Services | Student and Family Services Division
Updates for SPED Case Managers and Supervisors October 2025

1. **If health services or nursing services are being written or renewed in IEP/504, a school district nurse must be involved and are entitled to the same 60 days for health assessments :**
 - a. All schools now have a School District Nurse assigned ([directory](#))
 - b. Health and Nursing is determined through Confidential Health Assessment by SFUSD SDN (Nurse)
 - c. Codes for physical health are: **IIS (340)**, Health and Nursing: Specialized physical health procedures **(435)**, Health and Nursing: Other **(436)**
2. **If health services or nursing services are in the IEP or 504, a pre-meeting of providers is strongly recommended to ensure a unified team when parent is present**
 - a. As with many Related Services, we need to assess the level of support based on medical orders, health assessment, and FAPE -- which also applies to health/nursing services!
 - b. **Avoid** using language such as "Agency Nurse" or "School District Nurse" or "LVN"
 - c. **Use** language like "licensed staff member"
 - d. **Avoid** using language such as "para" or "health aide" or "LVN"
 - e. **Use** language like "unlicensed trained staff member"
 - f. Central Nursing and Grace (Supervisor) is available to consult and join meetings if support is needed
3. **New Transportation and Nursing:** nursing during the school day does not mean nursing is needed on the bus. Eligibility still needs to be determined by a SFUSD nurse and approved by Central Nursing.
4. **Vision and Hearing Screenings for IEPs**
 - a. Is only for **initials and triennials, no catch up schedules**
 - b. If screening is needed:
 - i. Please check if family already had student recently screened by their own providers
 - ii. If there is an SDN on site, connect with SDN -- not all SDNs can do the screening.
 - iii. If there is not an SDN or SDN cannot do it, the site can complete a [referral spreadsheet](#) (make a copy) and send it to their [central nurse](#) who can then coordinate a time to come complete the screenings or delegate it to our screening contractor.
 - iv. See the [mass vision and hearing screenings](#) to see if planning ahead to have screenings done then
5. **New Incoming from out of district:** do not carry over services from previous IEP for nursing. Connect with site or central nurse to do assessment. Our own nurses need to assess if we will provide a nurse, even if the prior IEP stated the student had a nurse in their previous district.
6. **New IIS and Health Services:**
 - a. Moving away from 435 (direct services) that can be done by unlicensed staff (paras)
 - b. SFUSD nurses have been instructed for upcoming IEPs to advocate for IIS minutes for procedures that can be done by unlicensed staff (paras). Legal, Nursing and Sped have agreed to that shift but requires pre-approval by Central Nursing.