

Specialized Health Care Services

Definitions

Specialized physical health services means those health services prescribed by the student's ~~licensed physician~~ health care provider requiring medically related training for the individual who performs the services and which are necessary during the school day to enable the student to attend school. These services include catheterization, gastric tube feeding, suctioning, or other services that require medically related training. (Education Code [49423.5](#); 5 CCR [3051.12](#))

Qualified means the ability to demonstrate competence in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, current knowledge of community emergency medical resources, and skill in the use of equipment and performance of techniques necessary to provide specialized physical health care services for individuals with disabilities. In addition, for designated school personnel, qualified means trained in the procedures to a level of competence and safety which meets the objectives of the training as provided by the school nurse, public health nurse, licensed physician, or other programs which provide the training. (Education Code [49423.5](#); 5 CCR [3051.12](#))

Training means preparation in the appropriate delivery and skillful performance of specialized physical health care services. (5 CCR [3051.12](#))

Supervision means review, observation, and/or instruction of a designated school person's performance and of physical health care services, but does not necessarily require the immediate presence of the supervisor at all times. (5 CCR [3051.12](#))

Provision of Services

A student with disabilities who requires specialized health care services during the school day, as identified in his/her individualized education program (IEP) or has been identified as disabled pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, may be assisted by any of the following individuals: (Education Code [49423.5](#), [56345](#))

(cf. 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504)

1. Qualified persons who possess an appropriate credential pursuant to Education Code [44267](#) (service credential with specialization in health), Education Code [44267.5](#) (service credential with specialization in health for school nurse), or a valid certificate of public health nursing issued by the Board of Registered Nursing
2. Qualified designated school personnel trained in the administration of specialized physical health care if they perform those services under the supervision of a credentialed school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician and the services are determined by the credentialed school nurse or licensed physician, in consultation with the ~~physician~~ health care provider treating the student, to meet all of the following criteria:

- a. Constitute routine care for the student
- b. Pose little potential harm for the student
- c. Are performed with predictable outcomes, as defined in the student's IEP or Section 504
- d. Do not require a nursing assessment, interpretation, or decision making by the designated school personnel

(cf. [6159](#) - Individualized Education Program)

Specialized health care or other services that require medically related training shall be provided pursuant to Education Code [49423](#). (Education Code [49423.5](#))

(cf. [5141.21](#) - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)

Schools shall provide appropriate accommodations for safety and necessary physical care services. The student's personal privacy and dignity shall be assured. (5 CCR [3051.12](#))

A qualified school nurse, public health nurse, or licensed physician responsible for supervising the physical health care of students with disabilities in the school setting shall: (5 CCR [3051.12](#))

1. Coordinate the health care services to the students with disabilities on the school site
2. Consult with appropriate personnel regarding management of health care services for students with disabilities
3. Make appropriate referrals and maintain communication with health agencies providing care to students with disabilities
4. Maintain or review the health care provider ~~licensed physician~~ and parent/guardian requests and daily documentation records

The health care provider ~~licensed physician~~ of a student with disabilities who is required to receive physical health care services shall provide a written statement detailing the procedure and time schedule by which such procedures are to be given. In addition, the student's parent/guardian shall provide a written statement indicating his/her desire that the district assist the student in the matters set forth in the health care provider's ~~physician's~~ statement and granting consent for the delivery of such services. (5 CCR [3051.12](#))

For each student with disabilities, the district shall maintain the health care provider ~~physician~~ and parent/guardian statements, as well as the specific standardized procedures to be used if the services are provided. The district shall also maintain daily documentation of specific services provided and shall include the signatures of the personnel who performed the procedure. This documentation shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements for confidentiality of student records and shall be classified as mandatory interim student records. (5 CCR [3051.12](#))

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

The parent/guardian of students who require specialized physical health care services during the school day shall provide a written request for the needed physical health care service. (5 CCR 3051.12(b)(3)(E)) This request shall include:

1. The student's name, address and phone number
2. The physician's name, address and phone number
3. The needed health care procedure
4. Statement authorizing qualified school personnel to perform the procedure, as approved by the physician (5 CCR 3051.12(b)(3)(E))
5. Statement agreeing to notify the school immediately of any change in the child's regimen or the authorizing physician
6. Statement agreeing to provide all supplies needed for the procedure

The student's physician shall submit a written statement authorizing the administration of the specified physical health care service (5 CCR 3051.12(b)(3)(E)) This statement shall indicate:

1. The student's name and address
2. Condition for which treatment is to be given
3. Specific procedure to be given (5 CCR 3051.12)
4. Time schedules for the procedure (5 CCR 3051.12)
5. Precautions, possible untoward reactions and recommended intervention

(cf. 5125 – Student Records)

The program administrator shall name the qualified school personnel who will perform the service in accordance with standardized procedures.

A qualified school nurse, public health nurse or licensed physician and surgeon shall supervise physical health care services in the school setting in accordance with law. (Education Code 49423.5; 5 CCR 3051.12)

Qualified personnel shall be trained in accordance with law. They shall possess a current valid certificate from an approved program in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and shall be able to demonstrate current knowledge of community emergency medical resources and skill in the use

~~of equipment and the performance of techniques necessary to provide specialized health care services. (Education Code [49423.5](#); 5 CCR [3051.12\(b\)\(1\)\(C\)](#))~~

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~~Staff designated to perform the specialized service shall maintain and sign a daily record of these services on a form. (5 CCR [3051.12\(b\)\(1\)\(E\)](#)) This form shall be kept either in the student's classroom or in the school health office, depending on the health services being provided.~~

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

[44267](#) Services credential with specialization in health

[44267.5](#) Services credential with specialization in health for school nurse

[49423](#) Administration of prescribed medication for student

[49423.5](#) Specialized physical health care services

[49426](#) School nurses

[56000-56606](#) Special education programs, especially:

[56345](#) Individualized education program contents

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

[2700-2837](#) Nursing, especially:

[2726](#) Authority not conferred

[2727](#) Exceptions in general

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

[3051.12](#) Health and nursing services

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

[1232g](#) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

[1400-1482](#) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

[300.1-300.818](#) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, especially:

[300.34](#) Related services

COURT DECISIONS

Cedar Rapids Community School District v. Garret F., (1999) 526 U.S. 66

Clovis Unified School District v. Office of Administrative Hearings, (1990) 903 F.2d 635

Taylor v. Honig, (1990) 910 F.2d 627

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Education, Health Services and School Nursing:
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

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