

# SHARS Updates

## September 2022

### *SHARS Matters Webinar Series*

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# Agenda

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# Policy Change Proposals

## April 2022

- [Title 1, Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) §355.8443](#), concerning the Reimbursement Methodology for School Health and Related Services

## August 2022

- [Title 1, TAC §354.1341, concerning Benefits and Limitations; and §354.1342, concerning Conditions for Participation](#)

# Proposed Policy Changes

- Cost report training will become an annual requirement for SHARS Cost Report preparers.
- Audiology services, if prescribed in a student's Section 504 Plan, will be reimbursable through the SHARS program, so long as the student meets all other program requirements.
- Parental consent requirements must be met for each student included in the numerator of the IEP Ratio, One-way trip ratio, and Section 504 Plan ratio of a district's annual SHARS cost report.

# Proposed Policy Changes

- Districts must submit at least one interim claim for each direct medical service that an eligible student receives within the cost report period.
- Districts must submit interim claims for all personal care services that a student receives within the cost report period.
- Districts must submit interim claims for all eligible specialized transportation trips provided within the cost report period.

# Effective Date

**(Tentatively) October 1, 2022**

- No updates issued since public comment periods ended.
- Changes discussed in Health and Human Services Commission and Texas Education Agency webinars.

# Reminders

- [New codes for Psychology Services and Counseling Services](#)
- [New codes for telehealth services](#)
- Next RMTS Trainings to be held on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Grace period for NPI/Medicaid enrollment requirement for referring prescribing providers of SHARS audiology, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy expires October 31, 2022.

# Resources

Refer to these websites for the latest information on the proposed SHARS policy changes set to take effect on October 1, 2022.

- **TASB Special Education Solutions – SHARS Webpage:** <https://www.tasb.org/services/special-education-solutions.aspx>
- **Provider Finance Department – SHARS Website:** <https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services-shars>
- **Texas Education Agency – SHARS:** <https://tea.texas.gov/academics/special-student-populations/special-education/programs-and-services/school-health-and-related-services>
- **TMHP Recent News:** [http://www.tmhp.com/news?title=&program\\_id=All&topic\\_id=All&category\\_id=All](http://www.tmhp.com/news?title=&program_id=All&topic_id=All&category_id=All)



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