

SHARS Pocket Notes:

For the Administrator on the go

What I need to know.

- School Health and Related Services (SHARS)
- Sometimes referred to as School Medicaid
- Federal reimbursement program through Medicaid
- In Texas it is only for students in Special Education
- Qualifying services may include: assessment, counseling, Nursing services OT, PT, Speech and Personal Care Service (PCS)
- Some examples of PCS include: toileting, personal hygiene, monitoring, escorting, prompting, cueing
- Asking your staff about their documentation effort will show support of the program

Why is this important?

- To ensure students are ready and able to achieve academically, schools must be poised to meet the myriad health, emotional and social needs that can negatively impact student performance
- The district recoups funds for some medically based services it provides
- Funds help offset spending across the district
- Reimbursements can range from thousands of dollars to excess of hundreds of thousands of dollars
- School districts use the Medicaid reimbursement that they receive to support a variety of services and student needs
- This money goes to support education in your district

How can I help?

- Ensure all staff are documenting services in the student's IEP
- SHARS should be evident in the FIE, PLAAFP, and any related services supplement
- Remind staff to document PCS and other services in your SHARS software on a regular basis
- Assure parents that Medicaid benefits will not decrease because the district bills for SHARS
- If there are questions, direct them to your SHARS/Medicaid department
- We need your support to bring in every dollar that your district is eligible for
- Individually we are strong, but together we are stronger

