



Poudre School District

JLCDC – MEDICALLY NECESSARY TREATMENT IN SCHOOL SETTING

The provision of medically necessary treatment to students by private health-care specialists must be done in accordance with this policy. If medically necessary treatment requires administration of prescription and/or nonprescription medications to students, such administration must be in accordance with applicable law and the District's policy concerning the administration of medications to students.

Definitions

For purposes of this policy, these terms have the following meanings:

- **“Medically necessary treatment”** means treatment recommended or ordered by a Colorado licensed health-care provider acting within the scope of the health-care provider's license.
- **“Medically necessary team”** includes District staff, the student's parent/caregiver, and individuals invited by the parent/caregiver who convene a meeting to discuss a request for medically necessary treatment on school grounds. The team includes the school principal or administrator, a general education teacher, an assistant director of Integrated Services or Student Services, and other staff who are appropriate based on the request, including members from the student's IEP or Section 504 team.
- **“Private health-care specialist”** means a health-care provider who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to provide health-care services in Colorado, including pediatric behavioral health treatment providers pursuant to the state medical assistance program, C.R.S. 25.5, articles 4, 5, and 6, and autism services providers who provide treatment pursuant to C.R.S. 10-16-104 (1.4). In no event may a school district or administrative unit staff member be recognized as a private health-care specialist for the purposes of this policy.

Notice to Parents/Caregivers

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. sec. 794, as amended (“Section 504”), and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”) provide rights and protections to students to access medically necessary treatment required by the student to have meaningful access to the benefits of a public education, or to attend school without risks to the student's health or safety due to the student's disabling medical condition.

Treatment that may be considered medically necessary treatment for a student, as defined in this Policy, but is not required by the student in order to have meaningful

access to the benefits of a public education, or to attend school without risks to the student's health or safety is not covered by this Policy and may be addressed separately.

Determination Whether Medically Necessary Treatment Must be Provided on School Premises

1. A student's parent/caregiver may submit a request for medically necessary treatment on school grounds using the District's form. Once the completed form has been received, the District will schedule the medically necessary team meeting as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 30 calendar days.
2. It will be the responsibility of the medically necessary team to determine whether any medically necessary treatment must be provided to the student within the school setting in order for the student to access their education, pursuant to Section 504 and Title II of the ADA.
3. When making the determination whether medically necessary treatment must be provided within the school setting, the student's medically necessary team will invite the private health-care specialist who ordered or recommended the medically necessary treatment to attend the meeting at which the issue will be discussed. The invitation will include the option for the private health-care specialist to submit information in writing that can be reviewed at such meeting. The invitation will be given not less than ten calendar days in advance of the meeting.
4. Nothing in this policy will be construed to prevent the District from using its own staff, if qualified, or contracting with a qualified provider of its choice to provide medically necessary treatment that a student's IEP team or 504 team has determined must be provided in the school setting pursuant to Section 504 or Title II of the ADA.
5. Nothing in this policy will be construed to require the District to permit a third party to determine or provide special education or related services in the school setting in a way that interferes with the District's obligations and authority under federal law.
6. After the medically necessary team meeting, the IEP or 504 team will convene a meeting, if needed, to discuss how FAPE will be provided.

Access to School Setting by Private Health-Care Specialists

1. **Access to provide medically necessary treatment.** A private health-care specialist may be granted access to school or District property to provide medically necessary treatment in accordance with the determination of the student's medically necessary team, and as applicable, the IEP team, or 504

team, and subject to the District's Policy KI – Visitors to Schools and all other applicable policies and procedures, and subject to the provisions of regulation JLCDC-R – Authorizing Private Health-care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting.

2. **Access to solely observe student or collaborate with school personnel.** A private health-care specialist may be granted access to school or District property to observe the student in the school setting or collaborate with school personnel regarding the student, without providing direct treatment to the student, in accordance with the determination of the student's Medically Necessary team, IEP team, or 504 team, and subject to District Policy KI – Visitors to Schools and all other applicable policies and procedures. Nothing in this policy prohibits or restricts District staff, as applicable, from observing the student at the same time as the private health-care specialist.

Permission to provide medically necessary treatment on school premises may be limited or revoked if the private health-care specialist violates this policy or District Regulation JLCDC-R – Authorizing Private Health-Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting, or demonstrates an inability to responsibly follow the requirements of the District.

Appeal

If the medically necessary team determines that no medically necessary treatment is required to be provided in the school setting pursuant to Section 504 and/or Title II of the ADA, the team will provide notice to the student's parent/caregiver that the student has a right to appeal such determination. Such appeal must meet, at a minimum, the following requirements:

- The parent/caregiver must provide written notice of the request to the assistant superintendent's office within ten school days of the medically necessary team determination. The District will hold an appeal hearing within ten school days of the request for an appeal from the parent/caregiver or student.
- The District will give the parent/caregiver and student notice of the date, time, and place, reasonably in advance of the appeal hearing.
- The appeal hearing may be conducted by any individual, including an official of the District, who does not have a direct interest in the outcome of the hearing.
- The District will give the parent/caregiver and student a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issue of whether the medically necessary treatment as ordered or recommended by a private health-care specialist is required to be provided in the school setting pursuant to Section 504 and/or Title II of the ADA. The parent/caregiver or eligible student may, at their own expense, be assisted or represented by one or more individuals of his or her own choice, including an attorney. If the parent/caregiver or eligible student is represented by an attorney, the parent/caregiver or eligible student must provide

notice to the District of such representation at least five school days prior to the hearing.

- The individual conducting the hearing will make a decision in writing within a reasonable period of time after the appeal hearing.
- The decision must be based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing and must include a summary of the evidence and the reasons for the decision. If the decision seeks to overturn the team's determination, the individual conducting the hearing will remand the matter back to the appropriate team with recommendations for reconsideration.

Reporting

Each school will designate a particular staff member to report the following to the superintendent or designee on a regular basis: the name of the requesting student, the student's request, and the outcome of the request, whether accepted or denied.

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Cross References:

JLCD – Administering Medications to Students

JLCDB – Administration of Medical Marijuana to Qualified Students

JLCDC-R – Authorizing Private Health-Care Specialists to Provide Medically Necessary Treatment in School Setting

KI –Visitors in Schools

Legal References:

42 U.S.C. sec. 1396 and 1396d(r)(5) (stating that Colorado's Medicaid program is required to cover all medically necessary treatment, including treatment in school settings.)

C.R.S. 22-20-121 (medically necessary treatment in a school setting)