

2022-2023 Texas Medicaid Provider Procedure Manual

School Health and Related Services (SHARS)

SHARS is a Medicaid service. SHARS allows local school districts or shared services arrangements to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services included in the student's IEP. SHARS providers are reimbursed the federal share of the payment when services are provided to students who meet all of the following requirements:

- Are Medicaid eligible and under 21 years of age
- Meet eligibility requirements for special education
- Have IEPs that prescribe the needed services

2.3.2 Nursing Services

Nursing services are defined as the promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people through the provision of services essential to the maintenance and restoration of health. SHARS nursing services are skilled nursing tasks, as defined by the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) that are included in the student's IEP.

Private duty nursing (PDN) is not a SHARS covered service.

Examples of reimbursable nursing services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Inhalation therapy
- Ventilator monitoring
- Nonroutine medication administration
- Tracheostomy care
- Gastrostomy care
- Ileostomy care
- Catheterization
- Suctioning
- Client training
- Assessment of a student's nursing service's needs

Personal Care Services (PCS) cannot be billed as a nursing service. If a SHARS provider is not sure whether to bill a service as PCS or a nursing service, the SHARS provider must discuss the services provided to the student with the registered nurse (RN) or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who can make that determination.

Nursing services must be provided by an RN, APRN (including nurse practitioners [NPs] and clinical nurse specialists [CNSs]), licensed vocational nurse/licensed practical nurse (LVN/LPN), or a school health aide or other trained, unlicensed assistive person delegated and supervised by an RN or APRN.

A prescription is not needed to provide nursing services through SHARS.

Only the time spent with the student present is billable. Time spent without the student present is not billable.

Direct nursing care services are billed in 15-minute increments and medication administration is reimbursed on a per-visit increment.

The RN or APRN determines whether these services must be billed as direct nursing care or medication administration.

Providers of nursing services must follow the Texas BON guidelines for documenting the administration of medication.

IMPORTANT: The recommended maximum billable time for direct nursing services is four hours per day. The recommended maximum billable units for routine oral medication administration are four visits per day. Providers must maintain documentation as to the reasons for the additional time if more than the recommended maximum time is billed.



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