Promoting Children’s Well-Being: Examining 21st Century Approaches to a Culture of Health in and with Schools

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Agenda

• Is Health Care a Right?
• Can We Access Health Care?
• Impact Health has on Learning
• Opportunity to Access Funding
• Information to Support Health Care in Schools
• Licensed School Nurse
Is Health Care a Right?

• Couragous conversation  
• Is health care a right for people living in the US?  
• Is health care affordable to all?

Access to Health Care

• Access is the #1 barrier  
  – Cost  
  – Transportation  
  – Language  
  – Accessibility  
• Loss of ACA  
• It is essential that all students have access to a full time school nurse all day, every day (AAP, 2016).
Impact Health has on Learning

• Student’s health is directly related to his or her ability to learn.
• Children with unmet health needs have a difficult time engaging in the educational process.
• Important to address the physical, mental, emotional, and social health needs of students and support their achievement in the learning process.
• School nurses play an essential role in keeping children healthy, safe, and ready to learn.

Opportunity to Access Funding

• Change in the Free Care Rule
• Services are already being provided
• Potential reimbursement
• Need to educate others
• Need to involve stakeholders
• Be part of the solution
Information to Support Health Care in Schools

- School nurses have access to over 40 million children on Medicaid
- School nurses provide health care services
- School nurses keep children healthier and ready to learn
- The school nurse is often the sole healthcare provider in an academic setting
- The National Survey of Children with Special Healthcare Needs has determined that 11.2 million U.S. children are at risk for chronic, physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions. (USDHHS, 2013)

Licensed School Nurse

Reimbursement Program

- Vision – Keep children healthy and ready to learn
- Goal – Potential funding source for the delivery of health care

Stakeholders

- Federal
- State
- School board support
- Qualified provider
Reimbursement Examples

Chronic Disease
- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Mental Health
- Hearing
- Anaphylaxis

Documentation of Nursing Services

Student with diabetes:
- Diagnosed condition
- Diabetic management
- BG/Carb count
- Provide medication

Submit for reimbursement
Kids Matter

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter."  
Martin Luther King Jr.