


**WRITTEN NOTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF MEDI-CAL
BENEFITS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES**

- Funds from a public benefits or insurance program (e.g., Medi-Cal funds) may be used by your school district to help pay for special education and related services.
- IDEA requires that you be informed of your rights and protections when your school district seeks to use your or your child's public benefits for insurance to pay for special education and related services.
- You must receive written notification before your school district seeks to use your or your child's public benefits or insurance for the first time and annually thereafter.
- Before your school district can use your or your child's public benefits or insurance to pay for special education and related services under IDEA, it must obtain your signed and dated written consent.
- If you gave your consent in the past for your school district to access your or your child's public benefits or insurance to pay for special education and related services under IDEA, your school district is not required to obtain a new consent from you if:
 - There is no change in the type of services to be provided, the amount of services to be provided, or the cost of the services (e.g., amount billed to Medi-Cal); and
 - Your school district has on file the consent you previously provided.
- Your school district may not require you to sign up for, or enroll in, a public benefits or insurance program in order for your child to receive FAPE.
- Your school district may not require you to pay any out-of-pocket expense.
- Your school district may not use your or your child's public benefits or insurance if using those benefits or insurance would:
 - Decrease your available lifetime coverage or any other insured benefits;
 - Cause you to pay for services that would otherwise be covered by your public benefits or insurance program because your child also requires those services outside of the time your child is in school;
 - Increase your premium or lead to the cancellation of your public benefits or insurance; or
 - Cause you to risk the loss of your or your child's eligibility for home and community-based waivers that are based on your total health-related expenditures.
- You have the right to withdraw consent at any time.
- If you choose not to provide your consent, or later decide to withdraw your consent, your school district has a continuing responsibility to ensure that your child is provided all required special education and related services necessary to receive an appropriate education at no charge to you or your child.