**Limited Sharing/Release of Student Information for the Purpose of the Local Education Agency (LEA) Medi-Cal Billing Option**

**Notice to Parents/Guardians:**
- Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), LEAs must provide health assessment and treatment to students on IEP/IFSPs at no cost to the parent/guardian.
  - The LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program allows school districts to receive the federal share of reimbursement for health assessment and treatment services delivered to Medi-Cal eligible children and family members within the school environment.
  - Health assessment and treatment may include educational assessments and services in the areas of audiology, counseling, psycho-educational, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language therapy, and transportation related to the services.
  - San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD), in cooperation with the California Department of Health Care Services and the California Department of Education, participates in the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program.
  - In order for LEAs to seek potential reimbursement via the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option program, they must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
    - FERPA requires LEAs to obtain written and signed parental consent prior to submitting personally identifiable student information contained in education records to Medi-Cal.
    - After obtaining parental consent, LEAs may release disability information, health services provided, Medi-Cal ID, and Social Security Number to verify eligibility or seek reimbursement.

**SDUSD’s Rights and Responsibilities:**
- SDUSD must provide health assessment and treatment for students on IEP/IFSPs at no cost to the parent/guardian regardless if parental consent to share/release information is granted.
- SDUSD must obtain written and signed parental consent prior to submitting personally identifiable student information contained in education records to Medi-Cal in order to seek reimbursement for services provided.
- FERPA allows LEAs to disclose directory information (Name, Address, Date of Birth, Student ID) without written parental consent.
- FERPA does not require LEAs to obtain written parental consent in order for Public Consulting Group (PCG), in its capacity as the LEA’s billing agent/consultant, to access or maintain, on behalf of the LEA, health information contained in education records.

**Parent’s Rights and Protections:**
- Granting consent for the limited sharing/release of student information is voluntary.
- Accessing reimbursement via the LEA Medi-Cal Billing Option does not decrease any insurance benefits, increase any insurance premiums, or lead to the discontinuation of any public benefits that a child or family may receive.
- Granting consent for the limited sharing/release of student information does not require children or families to enroll in any public benefits or insurance programs.
- Parents/guardians have the right to request that this limited sharing/release information is provided in their native language, or through another mode of communication.
- Consent for the limited sharing/release of student information may be revoked at any time by providing a written notice to SDUSD revoking parental consent.
  - SDUSD will continue to provide health assessment and treatment at no cost to the parent/guardian.