

## PARENTAL NOTIFICATION TO ACCESS PUBLIC INSURANCE

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

For a number of years, Missouri has participated in a Federal program called Medicaid School-based Services. The program helps school districts by providing partial reimbursement for some medically-related services listed on a student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP). Under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), school districts are permitted to seek payment from public insurance programs such as Medicaid (called MO HealthNet in Missouri) for some IEP services provided at school.

In 2013, the requirements under the IDEA changed and now school districts must provide parents with written notification before they access your public insurance for the first time and then every year thereafter. This notification is to inform you of the requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), regarding written notification and consent to access public insurance, such as MO HealthNet (Medicaid).

### Do I need to do anything?

You will be asked to provide a one-time written parental consent to release information from your child's educational records or information about the services your child receives through his or her IEP. This information is needed for the purpose of billing MO HealthNet and seeking partial reimbursement for some medically-related IEP services.

### What type of information will be in the consent form?

The consent form must tell you the personally identifiable information that may be disclosed (including your child's name, birthdate, Medicaid number or other ID, disability, IEP and evaluations, type of service, times and dates of service, and progress notes), the purpose of the disclosure (e.g., payment from MO HealthNet) and the agency that will get the information.

### What does it mean if I give my consent?

By consenting, you state you understand and agree that your MO HealthNet insurance will be billed to partially pay the cost of IEP services and that the necessary information about your child and his/her IEP services may be shared with MO HealthNet Division, a contracted billing agent, and/or a physician to obtain necessary supporting documentation (e.g. physician scripts, referrals) in order for the billing to be done. There will be no cost to you for the services.

### Can I be required to enroll with MO HealthNet Division (MHD) for public insurance?

You cannot be required to sign up for or enroll in public insurance for your child to receive free appropriate public education, including IEP services.

### Will my consent affect my family's MO HealthNet benefits?

No. Reimbursed services provided by your school district do not limit or reduce lifetime coverage or benefits, change eligibility, affect benefits, count against visit or funding limits in MO HealthNet programs, or increase costs to you.

### What if I change my mind?

You have the right to withdraw consent to disclose your child's personally identifiable information to MO HealthNet Division for billing purposes at any time.

### Will my consent or refusal to give consent affect my child's IEP services?

No. Your school district must provide all required IEP services to your child at no cost to you, whether you give consent or refuse to give consent for purposes of the school accessing your MO HealthNet benefits.

### What if I have a question?

Please call your school district's Special Education Department with questions or concerns.

Model form