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<https://www.tmhp.com/news/2024-08-16-shars-benefits-texas-medicaid-will-change-october-1-2024>

<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-based-medicaid-resource-and-training>  
<https://pfd.hhs.texas.gov/sites/default/files/documents/acute-care/shars-lea-schedule.pdf>



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HHSC and TEA are working collaboratively on inquiries from the field.



Contracting for Nonpublic or Non-District Operated Day Placements for the Provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)







Do we not need medical documentation for homebound any longer?





Is a physician statement required for the homebound instructional arrangement for students 3-5 years of age?



Developmental Delay (DD) –













Developmental Delay can be used beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

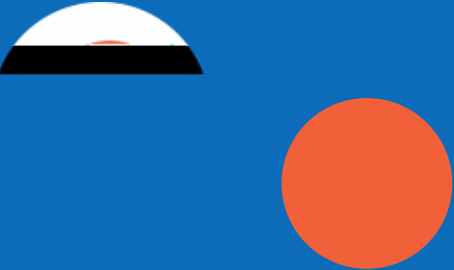
Noncategorical early childhood (NCEC) can no longer be used beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, although if a student begins the school year with the NCEC identification, the child can retain that identification category until a re-evaluation would be necessary at age 6.











Are outside evaluators who complete an independent educational evaluation (IEE) required to meet the requirements listed in the Dyslexia Handbook for the required multidisciplinary team (MDT) member?



Is the Overview of Special Education for Parents form required for initial evaluations only or for every evaluation?



Are districts required to use the TEA STAAR-Alt 2 form, or can they use the software version created by their IEP digital platform vendor?





Is a formal Other Health Impairment (OHI) eligibility report still required to be signed by a doctor, or does any kind of documentation from a doctor suffice?









If a student is being pulled for behavior intervention as needed, do we write annual goals for every single class?



