

Frequently Asked Questions – Application process

1. If I apply for Medical Assistance will everyone at my child’s school know?

This information is provided to district personnel on a need to know basis. School districts are required by law to keep personal information confidential.

2. Who else has applied for Medical Assistance in the district?

Due to confidentiality laws, district staff is unable to provide this information. However, any parent or caretaker with a child who has a disability is eligible to and encouraged to apply for the service.

3. Where can I find out more information about the program in my district?

Hatboro-Horsham school district has engaged in several forms of outreach including use of website, development of a brochure, and the training of staff members. Information about the program is available in all school buildings. In addition, the district’s ACCESS coordinator is available to answer questions and provide support during the application process.

Frequently Asked Questions—Understanding parental consent

1. If I give consent for the school to bill MA, will it impact the services my child receives outside of school?

No. MA will continue to pay for medically necessary health-related services your child receives outside of school.

2. If I do not consent, will my child’s IEP and school services be impacted?

No. Your child will continue to receive all services as defines in his/her IEP. However, your consent assists the LEA in paying for many special education services.

3. Will my child benefit from the funds received by the school?

Funds must be spent only within the special education program as per strict guidelines from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. As a part of the program your child will benefit from the reimbursement.

4. Can I change my mind about giving consent?

Yes, you can change your mind at any time, providing or revoking consent. The district will stop billing MA as of the date you revoke consent.

5. Why am I being asked at the IEP to sign the Parental Consent form again?

There are regulations that each LEA must follow and having the Parental Consent signed at the IEP yearly is necessary and also when health-related IEP services increase or new services are added.