



## Notice of Access to Information

This Notice is to inform parents that the following information may be accessed in order for their child's school to provide special education or related services:

- Insurance or public benefits information of the parents, legal guardians and children, and
- The child's educational records, including their Individualized Education Program (IEP), Individual Health Plan (IHP), Individualized Family Support Plan (IFSP), and any personally identifiable or medical information contained in the child's educational records

Along with this Notice, you will receive a Release form. The Release form allows your child's school, TennCare, your child's health care providers and your child's TennCare managed care organization to release documents to each other containing educational records about your child. The following records may be disclosed:

1. Your child's IEP, IHP or IFSP;
2. Medical and psychology records, including this type of information that is contained in your child's educational records; and
3. Educations reports, records or relevant test results contained in your child's educational records

Allowing these records to be shared like this will make it so that the people providing health care related services can talk with your child's school about your child and those services. In addition, allowing these records to be shared also makes it so that your child's school can verify whether your child is on TennCare so that the school can ask TennCare to pay for eligible school-based health services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. If you sign the release form, you will be giving consent for the records listed above to be released to the Department of Education, school districts and/or their billing agent(s), the insured's physician(s), and TennCare representatives as needed. This release will be valid for as long as your child receives qualifying services or until you withdraw or revoke consent.

**Note:** You are not required to sign the Release form in order for your child to receive services in their IEP, IHP or IFSP. Those services will still be provided to your child at no cost to you. If you do sign the Release form, you have the right to later withdraw or revoke your consent at any time by sending a letter to the Director of Special Education.

TennCare nor the school may not:

- Require you to sign up or enroll your child in TennCare or any public benefits or insurance program so that your child can get a free appropriate public education;
- Require you to make an out-of-pocket payment of a deductible or a co-pay amount to file a claim for services
- Use your child's TennCare benefits to:
  - decrease your child's available lifetime coverage or other insured benefit, OR
  - make You pay for services that would otherwise be covered by TennCare or another program while your child is in school, OR
  - cost more or discontinue coverage for the program, OR
  - make your child miss out on home and community-based services because of the State's overall costs.