



Consent Item

Date: June 9, 2025

Division: Finance

Subject: Special Education Program Management – Cooperative Contract(s)

Background Information:

- School Health and Related Services (SHARS) is a Medicaid financing program and is a joint program of the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). SHARS allows local school districts to obtain Medicaid reimbursement for certain health-related services provided to students in special education. Using existing state and local special education allocations as the state match, SHARS providers are reimbursed the federal share of the established reimbursement rate.
- Current SHARS services include assessment, audiology, counseling, school health services, medical services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, psychological services, speech therapy, special transportation, and personal care services.
- The Special Education Department has utilized the Frontline (SuccessEd) data management system over the last six years to record and communicate the Special Education services provided to the students.
- Awarded vendors under LISD-eligible cooperative contracts have undergone a competitive procurement process that complies with state, local, and federal procurement laws.
- If approved, Frontline (SuccessEd) will partner with the LISD-awarded Medicaid Claims Processing vendor to provide the processing of School Health and Related Services (SHARS) Medicaid claims, annual training of all Medicaid providers, and ongoing technical consultation on Medicaid regulations and requirements for submissions.

Administrative Consideration:

- Funds for these services will come from district approved budgets and federal funds.
- Previous annual expenditures: 2024-2025: \$149,200
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 and Response to Intervention (RTI) Program Management and Student Information Systems (SIS) Integrations
- Estimated annual expenditures in this commodity: \$153,807
- This procurement complies with Section 44.031 of the Texas Education Code and EDGAR 2 CFR 200.
- If approved, the Special Education Department will continue to use their current data and program management system with Frontline (SuccessEd) through a cooperative contract.

Recommendations:

- That the Lewisville ISD Board of Trustees approves the use of LISD-eligible cooperative contract(s) for Special Education Program Management, utilizing Frontline (SuccessEd), and the estimated annual commodity expenditures for one year.

Timeline/Report:

- Term: August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2026