

Comparison Chart Providing Nursing Care for Nursing Dependent Students

	District Hired "Special Needs" Nurse	Home Agency/Private Duty Nurse	Family Provides Nurse
Mechanism to Provide	Hired by school board	Hired by agency	Hired by family
Responsibilities	Job description	MOU or Contract	MOU
Liability	School board	Agency or individual coverage	Agency or individual coverage
Students served	Individual or small group	Individual or small group	Individual
Funding	IDEIA special Education, High Cost Categorical Aid, and Medicaid School-Based Services	Medicaid School Based Services	??? Medicaid hours included in child's Medicaid plan
Advantages	District has control over work schedule, workload and qualifications	Agency provides substitute, saves time in hiring process	Continuity of care, agency provides substitute
Disadvantages	Need plan for absences, difficulty finding personnel for limited hours	School has limited control over employee	Not able to use categorical aid for partial funding