

Background for Teachers:

We need your help. To reimburse schools for behavioral health services through the California Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) Fee Schedule program, parents must update their child's health insurance information and sign consent forms. As trusted messengers, teachers are well-positioned to spread the word.

Please consider sharing the following script with your students' parents at Back-to-School Night:

Sample Script

We're pleased to share that our school is part of a new statewide program that helps schools maintain and expand behavioral health services and supports for students. Through this program, public schools can access sustainable funding for the mental health and substance use disorder services we provide to students.

Here's what you need to know:

- » It's completely free for families - you will never get a bill.
- » It doesn't affect your child's health insurance.
- » It helps us continue wellness programs for all students.
- » Your child's information is safe and will only be used for billing.

To participate, we just need two things from you:

- 1) Update your child's health insurance information
- 2) Sign the consent form.

The consent forms are located by the doors as you exit. Please take a minute to fill one out before you leave tonight. If you want to take it home, please do so, and remember to send it back with your student later this week. For more details, visit

dhcs.ca.gov/CYBHI.