

MEDICAL SERVICES REVIEW TEAM

The purpose of the Medical Services Review Team (MSRT) is to provide guidance and information to school individualized education program (IEP) teams regarding:

- 1) Students who may require skilled nursing services in order to access their educational program
- 2) Evaluation of a student's medical stability for school attendance, and/or
- 3) Requirements for special transportation accommodations.

Referrals from other sources may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Students considered for referral to the MSRT are those with a disability who:

- Reside at nursing homes or other health care facilities
- Have nursing services at home
- May require skilled nursing services to access their educational program
- Have complex medical conditions requiring specialized ongoing nursing assessment
- Are transitioning from homebound services to classroom-based services and require special medical considerations to meet their health needs at school (Referrals are not necessary for all transitions.)
- May require special arrangements for transportation due to health needs that are beyond the accommodations routinely made by Office of Transportation.

The MSRT includes representatives from Fairfax County Public Schools and the Fairfax County Health Department .

Meetings are scheduled the first week of each month. If needed, another meeting is held the third week of the month. The student's parents or guardians are invited by the IEP team case manager in the school to participate in the meeting.

Referrals to the MSRT are made by the IEP team. A parent or guardian may request that the IEP team consider a referral to the MSRT. A Multi-Purpose Referral Form (SS/SE-5) is completed. The PHN makes a home visit and prepares a case summary that should include a doctor's statement regarding the student's health condition and stability and/or ability to attend school plus any supporting documents necessary to determine the student's need for the requested services.

The MSRT reviews and evaluates the referral information and makes recommendations to the IEP team on whether:

- The child is medically stable to attend school at the present time
- Nursing services are required in order for the student to attend school
- Special transportation accommodations need to be made.

The team may require that additional medical and other appropriate information be obtained prior to completion of the review process.

The IEP team is responsible for considering the recommendations of the MSRT. Accepted recommendations are reflected in the student's IEP.