

Pre-Existing Mental Health Related Services

New students enrolling at a SDUSD school may have pre-existing MHRS services.

IEPs that state ERMHS, Individual Counseling, Social Work, or Psychology as related services may meet the criteria as a MHRS comparable service offer.

Procedures:

1. Case Manager, in collaboration with School Psychologist, may consult with assigned school site clinician.

- See Assigned MHRS Clinician by School for a list of school site clinicians: [Assigned Clinician by School 22-23](#)
- If the assigned Clinician by School list states “TBA” – MHRS Lead Clinician Mercedes Pereda, can be reached at 858-573-2227, or email mrobles3@sandi.net.

2. Email or directly provide a copy of incoming IEP to site Clinician or to Mercedes Pereda if “TBA.”

3. The MHRS clinician will provide a comparable service offer or response within 24 hours.

- Service offer will preferably be provided via email
 - ✓ Service offer may be provided verbally for face to face consultations and provided the comparable offer is easily interpreted.
 - ✓ The MHRS Clinician may need to consult with the Lead Clinician to obtain input.
 - ✓ Informed consent must be provided if services were not previously provided by a Clinician

It is important parent/guardian understand comparable MHRS services are provided by qualified mental health clinicians versus School Counselors or School Psychologists.

- If the assigned school clinician is not available or you have not received a prompt response call or email Lead Mercedes Pereda for assistance; 858-573-2227 or email mrobles3@sandi.net.
 - ✓ If Mercedes Pereda (mrobles@sandi.net) is not available, call the same number (858)573-2227 and ask for Supervising Lead Janelle Chiu (ichiu1@sandi.net).
- MHRS IEP services may be listed differently on incoming IEPs, which may necessitate consultation with the previous school, parent, or provider.
- If LRE, location of services (i.e. separate school, NPS, etc.) are in question, consult with Special Ed Program Manager

4. Case Manager may inform clinician once Interim Placement form is signed or lock IEP promptly so that clinician is aware services may be initiated.

5. 30 day Interim Review

- Case Manager to invite Clinician to 30 day Interim Review
- Clinician will input MHRS FAPE information in Power School IEP

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