



Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are writing to inform you that as part of New York City Department of Education (NYC DOE) and Medicaid requirements, the NYC DOE is having physicians review the occupational, physical and speech therapy services provided to students attending NYC schools.

The physician will briefly observe your child in school or remotely and have discussions with the student's therapist(s). The observing physician will not have personal contact with your child, and all observations will be in the presence of the student's therapist(s). These reviews are not part of the IEP process and will not affect your child's current recommendation. This review will be conducted at no cost to you and will not impact your child's present health insurance which will remain confidential. Please note that Medicaid eligibility information is not shared with physicians or school staff; for that reason we conduct these reviews for all students with occupational therapy and/or physical therapy and/or speech therapy on their IEP.

We hope that these reviews will contribute to the New York City Department of Education's efforts to improve health services provided to your child and ensure federal funding to support these services.

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's school.

Sincerely,

NYC DOE Office of School Health
NYC DOE Office of Medicaid Operations