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School Nurse & School-Based Health Centers in Washington State

Working Together for Student Success

| | School Nurse | School-Based Health Centers (SBHCs) |
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| Who they serve | School nurses are responsible for the day-to-day care of the school | |

Should schools have both a school nurse and SBHC?

Yes! Health promotion, education and care can more effectively be delivered in the school setting when both school nurses and SBHCs are accessible.

How are they funded? When budgets are tight, can both be justified?

Care provided by school nurses and SBHCs are complementary and does not replace the other and funding streams are different.

School nurses are primarily paid with state and local education dollars. Some schools also bill for Medicaid-reimbursable school-based health care services (SBHS) program.

SBHCs may be funded with Medicaid and private insurance billing, or federal public grants, private grants and donations, and the kind contributions of healthcare sponsors and schools.

What happens when they work together? Collaboration between school nurse and SBHC

x Advances health equity by improving access to healthcare services for all students.