

**East Carter County R-II School District
Special Services**

**INITIAL AND/OR ANNUAL WRITTEN NOTIFICATION
TO USE PUBLIC FUNDED PROGRAM BENEFITS OR INSURANCE
Medicaid -- MO HealthNet**

Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 (IDEA) allows school districts to use specific government funded public program benefits to assist with costs associated with special education services. Amended federal regulations require the District to provide initial written notification, and annually thereafter, to the student's parent/guardian before accessing the student's or parent's government funded *public* program benefits or insurance for billing purposes (i.e., Medicaid – MO HealthNet) for the first time on or after March 18, 2013 and prior to obtaining one-time written parental consent. *Participation in MO HealthNet for Kids and/or MO HealthNet program is not required for any student to receive free appropriate public education (FAPE) under IDEA.*

One-time written parental consent to release personally identifiable information to the State's Medicaid agency, healthcare staff or other public insurance programs to determine, access and recover entitled program benefits from a student's or parent's government funded public program benefits or insurance will be sought by the District. Consent is voluntary and may be revoked at any time. Consent does not give the District permission to access private insurance benefits. Failure to consent will not result in denial or limitation of services for the student nor limit rights to a free appropriate public education (FAPE) under IDEA.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to:

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